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At 19 Rabbi Is Youngest Ever Ordained In U.S.

Nineteen-year-old Judah Rosenberg, leader of Congregation Ohavey Tzedek V'Shalom, in Plainfield, N.J., who last June completed his studies for the rabbinate at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, was ordained in New York at the triennial ordination convocation.

Mr. Rosenberg is believed to be the youngest man ever ordained to the rabbinate in the U.S. and is probably the youngest rabbi ever to hold a pulpit in the United States, says The New York Times. In addition, he is one of the few young men ever permitted to take a four-year college course in conjunction with three years of seminary training. In June Mr. Rosenberg will receive his bachelor's degree in psychology from Yeshiva College.

The young clergyman (he became a full-fledged rabbi when he completed his rabbinic course) enrolled in both the seminary and the college at 16. He comes by his calling quite naturally. His father was a rabbi in Hartford, Conn., later becoming a member of the Israeli Knesset, or Parliament. His grandfather held the Plainfield pulpit thirty years ago.

Mr. Rosenberg is a well-built young man who would look completely at home on a suburban dance floor. In a recent interview, the rabbi admitted that taking a college course while in seminary had its difficulties. He acknowledged, however, that his family background was of inestimable value, especially in the field of theology.

Two thousand persons witnessed the conferring of Semicha, the highest degree in Jewish learning, on the 115 rabbis, graduates of the university's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, says the New York Times. Semicha is the traditional conferring of rabbinic authority upon one "who is qualified by virtue of scholarship, piety and integrity to be entrusted with the same." It dates from the first transfer of the mantle of leadership from Moses to Joshua, as recorded in the Old Testament.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, appealed for greater emphasis on spiritual and moral training "to encourage and foster man's genius for peace and goodwill" at the convocation in Nathan Lamport Auditorium, Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street, New York.

Dr. Belkin declared that the ordination "represents a significant milestone in a world dominated by an unparalleled pre-occupation with military proficiency." He stressed that a program of "spiritual preparedness," not armed might, "will dispel the misunderstandings among the peoples of the world."

Since 1943, when he became president, Dr. Belkin has ordained 561 Orthodox Jewish rabbinical leaders. The university is composed of seventeen schools and divisions at six teaching centers in the city. The institution had its origin on New York's lower East Side in 1886 with the establishment of the seminary and became a university in 1945. It has ordained more than 800 rabbis.

The graduating class included fifteen chaplains on duty with the armed forces. Rabbi Simon Cohen, leader of the Suffolk Jewish Center, Deer Park, L. I., was the fourth brother in the family to be ordained by the seminary. Witnessing his ordination were his father, Rabbi Ben Zion Cohen, and his brothers, Rabbis Harry and Morris Cohen, says the New York Times. The fourth brother, Rabbi Sol. Cohen, is in Israel.

Lieut. Joshua Wachtfogel, the Jewish chaplain at Elmendorf Air Base at Anchorage, Alaska, was unable to attend the ceremony. He will receive his Seminary certificate by mail.

Israel Army Claims Call-Up Was Mistake

The Israeli Army officially accepted the blame for the mobilization announcement which frightened many Israelis and produced considerable confusion in Israel and abroad. The Army spokesman said that "by mistake" the Government radio station had been asked to broadcast a mobilization announcement that "was worded in a way that was not at all suited to the original intention of the General Staff."

After having alerted the public to listen for an important announcement, the station later made a terse broadcast in nine languages ordering three reserve units to report for active duty, says the New York Times. Without explanation, either in the announcement or by the Army spokesman, the broadcast was repeated twice an hour later.

It was not until after these second announcements that the spokesman acknowledged they were all part of a practice alert, adding that call-up of the entire three units was for "routine exercises."

Premier David Ben-Gurion, who is also Minister of Defense, met with the Israeli General Staff to find out what had happened. Afterward the Army announced that its handling of the matter had been done in such a manner as to "create panic in Israel and misunderstanding abroad."

Most Israelis were relaxing again and many were referring to the incident as a rather grim April fool joke. But the hour during which the announcement went unexplained was enough to prompt the call-up of five Syrian reserve units and an order for all regular officers of the United Arab Republic's Syrian Army to rejoin their units.

Jordan's General Staff also met hurriedly. The newspapers in the Old City of Jerusalem, which is in Jordan, carried a statement by the General Staff declaring that "all steps are being taken to meet the Israeli mobilization."

However, there was no indication that the Israeli action was anything more than it was to be, says the New York Times. Albert Grand, spokesman for the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, said that there had been no complaints of unusual troop activities on either side of Israel's borders.

An official explanation of the announcement was given to Maj. Gen. Carl von Horn, chief of the Truce Supervision Organization, by the Israeli Foreign Ministry's Director of Armistice Affairs. Mr. Grand said later that the explanation had been accepted."

A spokesman for the United States Embassy in the Tel Aviv said embassy officials were satisfied with the Israeli explanation. In editorials several Israeli newspapers denounced the Army's handling of the matter and demanded that those responsible be punished.

To many Israelis mobilization call was a jarring surprise, particularly since Israel's borders have been comparatively quiet in recent weeks and there were no hints of either offensive or defensive action by the army. But the reaction to a limited call on only three army units was a good illustration of how close to the surface lie the tensions of the Middle East.

Spokesman for two members of the Arab League denounced Israel's mobilization announcement. They spoke at the opening session of an emergency meeting of the Arab League Political Committee, convened in an effort to mediate the dispute between the United Arab Republic and Iraq, says the New York Times. The mediation attempt seemed doomed because Iraq failed to appear or even answer the League's invitation.

In speeches at the public session Dr. Farid Zeineddine, popular Vice Foreign Minister of the United Arab Republic, declared that Israel was "reverting to the same measures" she employed in October, 1956, before her incursion into Egypt.

In a milder tone, Ahmed Khelr, Foreign Minister of the Sudan, told the five other League representatives present that Israel dared to act only because the Arab countries were divided among themselves. He urged his fellow Arabs to unite in a solid front.

The League session was convened after Cairo and Baghdad began exchanging accusations in the wake of the abortive revolt at Mosul in northern Iraq last month by army officers supporting Presi-

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Publisher, 63, Son Of Russian Immigrant, And Wife Own 14 Papers Valued At Far Over $150 Million

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel I. Newhouse, publishers of newspapers in a number of cities in the United States, have agreed to purchase what is thought to be a controlling interest in Condé Nast Publications, Inc. The transaction was announced, but financial details were not disclosed. However, a Reuters dispatch from London, headquarters of the Amalgamated Press, Ltd., sellers of the stock, said the price was £1,800,000 ($5,040,000).

It has been known for several months that I. S. V. Patcevitch, president and chairman of Condé Nast, was discussing the sale of the stock, on which he has held an exclusive option, says the New York Times. Mr. Patcevitch said that Mr. and Mrs. Newhouse were operating as private investors and that there would be no changes made at Condé Nast. They will be invited to join the publishing company's board, he said.

Condé Nast publishes Vogue, House & Garden, Glamour and the Vogue Pattern Book. It recently acquired Brides House, Inc., publisher. The New Yorker Magazine is printed on Condé Nast presses in Greenwich, Conn., as are other outside publications. In Great Britain it publishes Brides and in France, Jeune Marice.

This marks the first magazine property purchased by the Newhouses, who own fourteen newspapers, as well as television and radio stations. The newspapers are reportedly valued at between $150,000,000 and $200,000,000.

Mr. Newhouse, 63-year-old son of a Russian immigrant, bought his first newspaper in 1922, when he acquired The Staten Island Advance for $93,000. In 1955 he bought The Birmingham News, in Birmingham, Ala., and its affiliated properties, including radio and television stations, for $18,642,000, says the New York Times. Among other Newhouse newspapers are the St. Louis Globe Democrat, the Portland Oregonian, the Newark Star-Ledger, the Long Island Press, the Syracuse Herald-Journal and the Syracuse Post-Standard.

The Condé Nast properties, particularly Vogue, are synonymous with high fashion. This is a prime interest of Mrs. Newhouse, who attended the Parsons School of Design in New York. A native New Yorker, Mrs. Newhouse also has studied fashion, home furnishings and the arts in Europe.

Until the end of last year, the Amalgamated Press, which puts out more than seventy publications, alone had held the interest the Newhouses bought in Condé Nast. Although the exact number of shares is not known, it was said to be about half of the 988,727 common shares outstanding.

In December, Cecil Harmsworth King, bought control of Amalgamated from the Berry family, which has extensive publishing holdings in Great Britain. About that time, Mr. Patcevitch was given an option on the stock that has been bought by the Newhouses. It was Mr. King, chairman of the Daily Mirror Newspapers, Ltd., and Sunday Pictorial Newspapers, Ltd., who disclosed in London the price that had been paid for the Condé Nast stock. The outstanding stock is publicly held and traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

The last earnings statement issued for Condé Nast, for the nine-month period ended Sept. 30, showed a net loss of $225,000 on sales of $20,055,000. This compared with a net loss of $132,000 and sales of $19,742,000 in similar period of 1957, says the New York Times. Practically all of the Newhouse newspapers were in poor financial shape when they bought them. Now, all are said to be operating in the black.

Lehman Blames Bigoted U. S. Entry Laws For Loss Of Science Lead, Danger To Freedom

Former U. S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman contended that unfair immigration laws had caused the U. S. to lose its lead in scientific achievement by limiting the entry of experts. He called for revision and liberalization of the immigration statutes.

"Bigoted immigration laws adopted during the past generation, climaxed by the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952," he said, "have contributed as much as any other single factor to the deadly danger in which the cause of freedom stands."

Mr. Lehman spoke at the tenth anniversary dinner of the New York Association for New Americans at the Harmonie Club, 4 East Sixtieth Street, in New York, says the New York Times. About 200 community, resettlement and philanthropic leaders attended. "Who can say how far ahead in science we would be today if Congress had not created so many immigration barriers and kept out of our country so many individuals of ability and promise," he declared. "The loss is not only in the scientific field, but in the whole fabric of American life."

Mr. Lehman said Congress and the Administration must work together in a non-partisan manner to eliminate the national origins quota system. He said that the real tragedy lay in the fact that the McCarran-Walter Act had prevented many who were forced to flee Europe from seeking asylum in the U.S.

"It is to the discredit of Western civilization, and of our own country, that some of these refugees have been searching in vain for a new home in some countries for as long as seven years," he said.

Inscribed silver-covered Bibles, in "appreciation of their outstanding contributions in the field of immigration and the integration of newcomers into the American scene," were presented to Mr. Lehman and Mrs. David M. Levy, the association's first president, and one of its founders in 1949.

Lester Ginsberg, president of the Association, reported that the agency had aided 4,000 individuals last year. He predicted that in the current year the Association would help a similar number of Jewish newcomers in the New York area. He noted that the agency's family service department had helped 35,000 families and that its vocational service department had found jobs for 2,400 persons, says the New York Times. The Association is a constituent agency of the United Jewish Appeal.

Jewish Body Seeks Legal Aid For Stateless

The Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations has appealed to a United Nations conference at Geneva, Switzerland, to adopt an international agreement on statelessness. The forty nation conference was called to find relief for people born without a nationality, says the New York Times. The Jewish group cited the principle in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that "everyone has the right to a nationality."

It stressed a proposal for a United Nations agency to give legal protection to the stateless. Such an agency, it said, could negotiate with the states concerned when there was disagreement over a person's nationality. A tribunal to decide disputes over the interpretation or application of the proposed convention "would also be most desirable," the Jewish body said.

"The arguments presented by some governments opposing the rights of individuals to appeal a government's actions to an international tribunal do not apply here," it said. The tribunal "would not adjudicate between a state and an individual but rather between two states or between a state and a United Nations agency," it explained.

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Social Notes — Montreal

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Laufer, 5779 Northmount Avenue, returned after an eleven-day cruise to Puerto Rico. During the voyage they visited San Juan, Mayagues, and Ponce, and spent a week in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Shuster, 6065 Durocher Avenue, spent a week in Brooklyn, N.Y., where they visited her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Abramovitch, 906 Wilder Avenue, spent a month in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Roth, 912 Hartland Avenue, spent a month in San Francisco, and Palm Springs, Calif.; and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mrs. I. Namerow, 6255 Northcrest Place, spent a holiday in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cytrynbaum, 38 Joyce Avenue, spent four months in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Kluger, 5105 Van Horne Avenue, will take up residence at 7 Meadowbrook Road, in Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. William Romoff and children, Elaine and Bradley Mark, 1035 Jean Talon Street West, will take up new residence at 1458 Franklin Drive, Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hornstein, 849 Stuart Avenue, are spending some time in Miami Beach, Florida.

Miss Doreen Perel, 8385 Outremont Avenue, spent several days in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bell, 6802 Legare Avenue, spent three weeks in Miami Beach, Florida, at the Monte Carlo Hotel.

Mrs. Charles Schachet, 5365 Esplanade Avenue, spent a week in Brooklyn, N.Y., where she visited her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vin.

Miss Fannie Scheffer, 705 Querbes Avenue, visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ross, of Bronx, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lightman and son, Howard, 5750 Darlington Avenue, will take up residence at 2155 De Patie Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grill, 5600 Esplanade Avenue, spent some time at the Sheraton McAlpin Hotel, in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schwartz spent their wedding trip in Miami Beach, Florida. Mrs. Schwartz is the former Miss Betty Gorsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Gorsky, 2190 Victor Dore Street. Mr. Schwartz is the son of Mrs. Becky Schwartz, 422 Duluth Street West, and the late I. Schwartz.

Mrs. Fanny Krupp, 2525 Van Horne Avenue; and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Krupp, 520 Fraser Street, were in Ottawa, Ont., for the marriage of Miss Rose Kardash, daughter of Abraham G. Kardash, and the late Mrs. A. Kardash, to A. Charles Taylor, son of Mrs. Bertha Taylor and the late Samuel Taylor.

Isidore Kanner, of Toronto, Ont., was here for the bar-mitzvah of his nephew, Hyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kanner, 8232 Birnam Avenue, who was called to the Reading of the Law at Beth Aaron Synagogue.

Dr. and Mrs. Newman B. Freedman, 1520 McGregor Street, spent a holiday at Lake Placid, N.Y.

Miss Jessica Gelber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gelber, 802 Lansdowne Avenue, left via Air France on an extended tour to Moscow, Leningrad, Paris, and Rome, and is now in Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hazan are spending their wedding trip in Europe. Mrs. Hazan is the former Miss Norma Minette Kussner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kussner, 4830 Cedar Crescent. Mr. Hazan is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hazan, of Beirut, Lebanon; and the brother of Eli Hazan, of Montreal.

Mrs. William Heineman (nee Harriet Goldman), of New York, was here for the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Saul (Sophie Landau) Goldman, 4810 Roslyn Avenue.

Lyons W. Jacobs, Q.C., and Mrs. Jacobs, 4851 Cote St. Luc Road, had their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Newman M. Biller and children, Alan Biller and Miss Audrey Biller, of Scarsdale, N.Y., visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bloom spent their wedding trip in New York. Mrs. Bloom is the former Miss Diane Samuels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Samuels, 134 Trenton Avenue. Mr. Bloom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Bloom, 4890 Plamondon Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pecker, (Ida), 3245 Goyer Avenue, entertained at a supper in their home, to honour the thirty-fifth wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Silverman, 5218 Casgrain Street. Present with them were: their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. George Silverman, 5755 Hudson Road, and their grandsons; Morris, aged eight and one-half years old; and Lorne, two; the children of Mr. and Mrs. Pecker. Gifts of a portable hand mixer and a steam iron, from their children; and telegrams were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stern and daughters, Bonnie, Donna and Daveda; and Mrs. Stern's sister, Miss Sarah Greenberg, all of 5780 Wilderton Avenue, spent a few days at the Concord Hotel, in Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Marks, 4902 Kent Avenue, spent several weeks in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Israel, 4820 Cumberland Avenue, spent three months in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bloom, of Ottawa, Ont., were here for the marriage of Miss Diane Samuels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Samuels, 134 Trenton Avenue, to his brother, Allan Bloom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Bloom, 4890 Plamondon Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Caplan and son, Sheldon, formerly of 5460 Bessborough Avenue, have taken up residence at 5705 Melling Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Berlin and children, Lynn and Glenn, 4912 Plamondon Avenue, were at the Hotel Marcy, in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Carl Dansky, of Campden, N.J., and his sister, Mrs. Leon Lewis (nee Birdie Dansky), of Flushing, N.Y., were here for the funeral of their father, Harry Dansky, 4417 Walkley Avenue.

Morris Goldberg and daughter, Miss Rona Goldberg, 571 Kenaston Avenue, have returned via Trans Canada Airlines, from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Perlman, 8205 Atherton Avenue, spent several weeks in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Goldstein, 6405 Trans Island Avenue, spent ten weeks in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morris, 8165 Atherton Avenue, spent several weeks in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Manus, 8205 Linton Avenue, are spending several weeks in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bercovitch (nee Claire Swedko), and newborn son, Bruce, 4830 Plamondon Avenue, had his godparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sweldko, of Ottawa, Ont., visiting them.

Mrs. S. B. Nemtin, 4855 Queen Mary Road, spent two months at the Royal Palm Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goldberg, 671 Kenaston Avenue, held open house in celebration of their twentieth wedding anniversary. Their daughters are Misses Barbara and Rona Goldberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Zipkin, 4818 Mackenzie Avenue, visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Pager (nee Lida Zipkin), and new-born son, Clark, of New York.

Mrs. Ida S. Rosenfeld, 6955 Fielding Avenue, has returned from a ten-week holiday in Acapulco, Mexico; and Miami Beach, Florida.

Phillip Swedko, of Ottawa, Ont., visited his son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bercovitch (nee Claire Swedko), and new-born son, Bruce, 4830 Plamondon Avenue.

Mrs. Sarah Trachtenberg, formerly of 935 Wilder Avenue, has taken up new residence at 2970 Bedford Road.

Mrs. Ethel Abells, of Regina, Saskatchewan, is here for the bar-mitzvah of her grandson, Ian Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goodman, 1350 Carol Crescent, who will be called to the Reading of the Law on April 6, at Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

Mrs. Samuel Chernack, 2500 Van Horne Avenue, spent several days in Ottawa, Ont., with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goldman, and daughters Martha and Donna.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Lloyd (nee Fay Perlman), 2740 Darlington Place, gave a party at their home to celebrate the first birthday, on March 24, of their son, Jay Laurence, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lloyd, of New York, who were here for the occasion; and of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Perlman, 1570 Ducharme Avenue. Present with the above were: Abraham and Harold Perlman, his uncles. A birthday cake decorated the table.

BAR-MITZVAHS

Ian Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goodman, 1350 Carol Crescent, will be called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah, on April 11, at Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. He is the brother of Bruce David, aged nine years; and of Ellen Ann, five years; grandson of Mrs. Ethel Abells, of Regina, Saskatchewan, and the late Ben Abells; and of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Goodman, 6261 Mountain Sights Avenue. Kiddush will be observed. A luncheon will follow in the synagogue hall.

Avrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Costin, 4900 Plamondon Avenue, will be called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah on April 11, at Chevra Kadisha-Bnai Jacob Synagogue. He is the brother of John Costin; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. Socoransky, 5055 Mariette Avenue; and of Mrs. Dora Costin, 6262 Westbury Avenue, and the late A. Costin. Kiddush will be observed. A luncheon in the Synagogue hall will follow services.

Daniel Irving, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Tansky, 7579 Birnam Avenue, was called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah, at Poale Zedek Synagogue. He is the brother of Fred, aged nine years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. I. Tansky, 4666 Esplanada Avenue; and of Jack Engel, 8215 Van Horne Avenue. Kiddush was observed. A dinner dance, at 1215 Van Horne Avenue, took place the following evening.

Hyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kanner, 8232 Birnam Avenue, was called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah, at Beth Aaron Synagogue. He is the brother of Myra, aged eight years. Kiddush was observed. A luncheon in the Synagogue hall followed services.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shulman, 5740 Darlington Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Florence Shulman, to Allen Seller, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Seller, 6784 St. Lawrence Boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bernstein, 4080 St. Catherine Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Bernstein, to Peter Wolofsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wolofsky, 1912 Brinton Road.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenberg, Jeanne Mance Street, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Rosalind Ruth Rosenberg, to Mervin Samuel Plotkin, son of Mrs. Dora Plotkin, De l'Epee Avenue, and the late Michael Plotkin, at half-past six o'clock, on April 12, at 5253 Hutchison Street, Reverend M. Masters officiating.

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Social Notes — Montreal

Abraham Mislovitch, 2946 Brighton Avenue, celebrated his eighty-first birthday on March 28. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Mislovitch have two sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mislovitch, 3765 Dupuis Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Max Mislovitch, 4020 Decarie Boulevard; two sons-in-law and daughters: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turowetz (Esther), 5352 Coolbrooke Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silverman (Ray), 5218 Casgrain Street; thirty grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silverman, 5218 Casgrain Street, celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on May 6. They have a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Silverman, 5755 Hudson Road; a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Pecker (Ida Silverman), 6245 Goyer Avenue; and two grandchildren, Morris and Lorne Pecker.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lecker, 4150 Plamondon Avenue, entertained at a dinner party at their home, to celebrate the first birthday of their son, Bram Abbey; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lecker, 6565 Macdonald Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Vinitsky, 5917 Mountain Sights Avenue; great-grandson of Mrs. Pearl Stern, of Montreal. Others present were: Samuel Vinitsky, uncle, and his fiancee, Miss Marilyn Itovitch; Jack Lecker, uncle; Mesdames M. Bindman, and H. Hershman, great-aunts. A blue and white birthday cake decorated with candy rosebuds centered the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shlamovitz, 4585 Esplanade Avenue, gave a party at their home to celebrate the seventh birthday of their son, Leslie Melvin; brother of Sharon, aged two years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shlamovitz, 3170 Van Horne Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Antecol, 4583 Esplanade Avenue. Others present were his friends: Leonard Pollack, Morris Mauer, David Adams, Fred and Gary Zimmel, and John Goodlike. A white birthday cake, trimmed with yellow candy rosebuds, which was baked by his grandmother, Mrs. Paul Antecol, decorated the table. Mrs. E. Zimmel assisted in serving.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Tansky, 7579 Birnam Avenue, celebrated the bar-mitzvah of their son, Daniel Irving, who was called to the Reading of the Law, at Poale Zedek Synagogue. He is the brother of Fred, aged nine years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. I. Tansky, 4668 Esplanade Avenue; and of Jack Engle, 3215 Van Horne Avenue. Kiddush was observed. The following evening Mr. and Mrs. Tansky received two hundred and fifteen guests at a dinner dance at 1215 Van Horne Avenue. The hostess wore a brown lace gown, made with a V-neckline and straight skirt, over a beige peau de soie slip. Her corsage was of mauve orchids. Mrs. I. Tansky, grandmother, was in a black crepe gown, with satin; and a corsage of white carnations. Seated with the above was Cantor A. Potach. The bar-mitzvah boy gave a speech. Cantor Potach, asked a blessing over the challah. A blue and white bar-mitzvah cake was combined with pink and white carnations for the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Mendel Lavine, 4860 St. Urbain Street, celebrated the bar-mitzvah of their son, Allan Sheldon, who was called to the Reading of the Law, at Nusach Haori Synagogue. He is the brother of Irving Collin, aged fifteen and one-half years; grandson of Nathan Perzow, 4869 St. Urbain Street, formerly of Los Angeles, Calif. Kiddush was observed. The following evening Mr. and Mrs. Lavine were hosts to two hundred guests at a dinner dance at 1215 Van Horne Avenue. Mrs. Levine wore a sea-green shantung and chiffon gown made with a scooped neckline, sheath skirt, and a three-quarter-length panel of chiffon at the back; with a corsage of white orchids. Those who lit the candles were: Irving Collin, brother of the bar-mitzvah boy, the first candle; Avrum Gotlieb, Allan Felsher, Peter Rosner, Harry Agensky, Irving Fishman, Allan Sheff, Elliot Bagan, Avrum Orenstein, Solomon Wassermuhl, William Schwartz, Carl Pines, of Bathurst, N.B., his cousin; Ira Katzenberg, and the parents. Seated at the head table with the above family members were: Nathan Perzow, grandfather of Allan; A. Labkovski, his teacher; Aaron Perzow, his great-uncle; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Paskin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Workman, and Mrs. Ida Weiner, of New York, his great-aunt. Allan Sheldon gave a speech in English and Hebrew. Jack Workman asked a blessing over the challah. A blue and white bar-mitzvah cake was arranged with centerpieces of blue and white carnations, and gladioli. Here for the occasion were: Miss Ann Weiner, of New York; and Mr. and Mrs. S. Pines, and son, Andy, of Bathurst, N.B.

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DEATHS

Mrs. Sophie Landau Goldman, 4810 Roslyn Avenue, aged fifty-three years, died on Sunday, March 29. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Sol. E. Goldman; two daughters: Mrs. William Heineman (Harriet), of New York; Miss Susan Goldman; and her father, Samuel Landau, 4810 Roslyn Avenue, formerly of New York. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat officiated. Burial took place in Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery. Mrs. Goldman was born in Bay City, Mich., and received her schooling there and at Goucher College, in Baltimore Maryland. She was married in 1926 in New York, came to Montreal with her husband shortly after, and resided here since. She was a member of the Jewish General Hospital Women's Auxiliary and during the Second World War worked for the Canadian Red Cross.

Harry Dansky, 4417 Walkley Avenue, aged sixty-nine years, died on March 26, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fannie Bigler Dansky; two sons: Joseph, 4417 Walkley Avenue; Karl, of Campden, N.J., a daughter, Mrs. Leon Lewis (Birdie), of Flushing, N.Y.; two grandchildren; and two sisters: Mrs. Jessie Glazer and Mrs. Bessie Katz, both of Montreal. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Dr. Solomon Frank, Rabbi, officiated. Burial was at the Russian-Polish Hebrew Sick Benefit Association Cemetery. Born and educated in Poland, Mr. Dansky came to Montreal in 1928. He was a member of the Businessmen's Association of N.D.G.; was associated with the Russian-Polish Hebrew Sick Benefit Association, and a member of Shaare Zion Synagogue.

Abraham Arfin, 2716 Goyer Avenue, aged seventy-five years, died suddenly on Wednesday, April 1. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Faige Teller Arfin; two sons: Joseph, 942 Grou Street; Carl, 2982 Bedford Road; three daughters: Mrs. Harry J. Halperin (Rose), 6287 Trans Island Avenue; Mrs. J. Albert (Ann), 3925 Plamondon Avenue; Mrs. Esther Burch, 3925 Plamondon Avenue; and eight grandchildren. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Dr. C. N. Denburg, Rabbi, officiated. Burial was at the Russian-Polish Hebrew Sick Benefit Association Cemetery. Mr. Arfin arrived in Canada from Poland more than fifty years ago. He was a member of the Russian-Polish Hebrew Sick Benefit Association since 1911, held various offices and was on the board of trustees. Mr. Arfin was also a long-time member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. In his early years in Canada, he assisted immigrants from Poland to settle and integrate themselves into the community.

Jack Singer, 5670 Clanranald Avenue, aged seventy-two years, died on Friday, March 27. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Becky Manis Singer; two sons: Councillor Oscar H. Singer, 5995 Dolbeau Avenue; Herbert Singer, of Montreal; five daughters: Mrs. Martin David (Molly), of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Irving R. Lands (Bena), 8111 Linden Road; Mrs. Harry Sacharen (Bella), 715 Bloomfield Avenue; Mrs. Sydney Krupp (Sylvia), 8101 Linden Road; Mrs. David Kleiman (Toba), 5776 Smart Avenue; fifteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers: Louis and William Singer, both of Montreal; Nat Singer, of Detroit, Mich.; and a sister, Mrs. C. Lambert (Bessie), of Detroit. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Rabbi J. J. Zlotnick officiated, assisted by Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky. Burial was at Ahavath Shalom Cemetery. Born in Poland, Mr. Singer came to Canada as a boy of fifteen with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Moses Singer (Eva). He visited Israel as a delegate of the Misrachi Organization in 1954. He was president of Ahaveth Shalom Synagogue for more than thirty years. In 1907 he married Miss Rose Goldstein who died in 1945. He married the former Miss Becky Manis in 1946.

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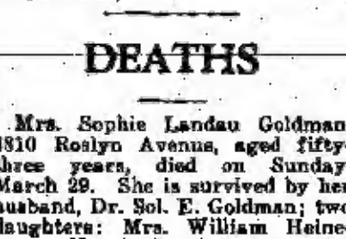

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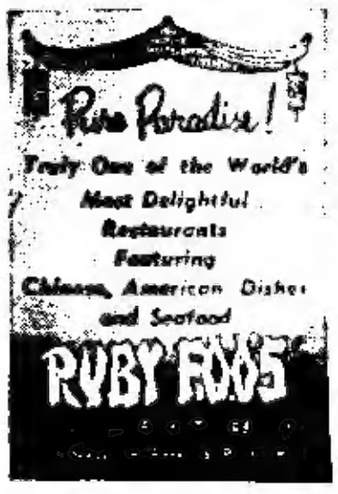

The Birth Of A Legend

BY ANDRÉE HORES

I spent the daylight hours of Sunday, October 29, 1956, writing in my room overlooking the old port of Jaffa: that is, from noon, when I woke up, to six, when the Greek zither band at the Aphrodite Cafe next door put on their Israeli-made Evzone outfits and began tuning up for the benefit of the crowd of overdressed American tourists, under-dressed Tel Aviv nouveau riche, pickpockets, drug addicts, Salonican fishermen, and exhausted prostitutes who make up their clientele. When Asisja, the blowsy old Armenian soubrette, began bellowing out Greek shepherd songs, with appropriate bucolic trills, I pushed aside the two moderately successful pages salvaged out of the day's torn-up efforts and went out for a walk.

I strolled through the dusty streets, suffused with the transparent golden light which softens their open, ugly scars at dusk, to a falafel stand near the Bustrus clock tower, where I bought my supper — a whole pouch of fragrant gray bread, stuffed with spicy humus balls, diced cucumbers and tomatoes and tongue-rasping peppers. I ate this slowly, sitting on one of the benches near the excavations of the old Canaanite town and looking out to the jagged rocks where Perseus killed the dragon and the curved dirty-white sweep of Tel Aviv's foreshore down to the Babylonian ziggurat of the Dan Hotel. I watched the sun go down, a glowing circle of fire tinging the sky with blue as it hissed into the sea. Then I walked back to my room, eager for work.

A brown army jeep was parked opposite the stairs leading up to my room, and as I came closer a figure came out of the shadows: a short, swarthy, wiry man, with quick, darting eyes and a thin black moustache like a knife cut above his upper lip. He wore khaki.

"Are you Rafael Yannai?" he asked, rolling the Hebrew consonants around in his mouth like butter.

"Yes. And who are you?" I didn't remember ever having seen him before. "Scheherezade. From your unit." "Scheherezade?" I repeated. "Yes. That's what everyone calls me. I'm come to take you back to camp." "Why, are we being called up?"

He put his hand up to the back of his head; fingers upwards in derision, and looked at me in astonishment. "Are you serious? Look, don't you ever listen to the radio, or read newspapers, or talk to *anybody*?" "Not when I'm working." "Well, let me be the first to break the big news to you: we invaded Egypt" — an impressive pause — "this morning. There's a war on! Now can we go upstairs and collect your pajamas and toothbrush?"

I walked up the stairs with my head spinning. Like all Israelis, I was in the reserves, and liable to be called for active service at any time. As a former medical student, I usually spent my month-a-year in the Israeli army swabbing hundreds of soldiers' sweaty, blistered feet, or dosing the men's coffee with the prescribed amount of copper sulphate. But I had never been in a war before. Frankly, I was scared. Besides, I was busy on a novel.

I opened the door of the room and began collecting some books that I thought might be some comfort in a war: "Walden," Schweitzer's autobiography, Edwin Muir's poems. I put them into a suitcase, and added some notebooks, a sweater, a tin of sardines, a razor, a spare pair of bootlaces, some pencils, an uneaten polony, and a bottle of citronella oil against mosquitoes.

While I was doing this Scheherazade leaned against the door, looking curiously at the room, with its piles of old *Horizons* and *Partisan Reviews*, sheets of paper hung round the wall on different nails (a method I had borrowed from Winston Churchill) and the unmade bed. I supposed it looked untidy to a person who didn't live in it and couldn't appreciate its soothing landscape.

"So you're a writer?" he asked me suddenly.

"Well," — I hesitated, suspended between heady ambition and objective reality — "trying to be, I suppose you might say." "I've never met a writer before." I locked the door and began walking down the dimly-lit stairs towards the jeep, carrying my haversack. "Then perhaps you're just the person I'm looking for." Scheherazade burst out behind me into a torrent of rapid, excited speech. "I know hundreds of stories, thousands of stories all you have to do is listen to me and write them down in one of those swank magazines, you know how to do it, we'll become famous of course, I learnt some of the stories in Baghdad but I made most of them up myself—."

Looking back now, I suppose I was rude, but the thought of the war was already making me nervous. "Look, Scheherazade," I said so abruptly that I saw him shrink away from me, "you came to take me to camp. Let's get there as soon as we can. I'm not interested in Arab folklore." Without saying a word he took his place in the jeep, I sat beside him, and he started the engine with a vicious flick of the wrist. We did not talk during the ride to the south.

Our unit spent the next three days in a eucalyptus grove near Beersheba. The men who had not seen war before were eager and secretly scared; those who had were despairing and resigned; everyone was edgy, hot, clammy, and driven nearly insane by the thousands of insects which buzzed around our ears, tore at our shins and hid cunningly inside our shoes waiting to sting. Rumors flew around the camp as busily as the mosquitoes and nearly as insidiously: we were to be flown down to Cairo by the French Air Force, Tel Aviv had been bombed and Mograbi Square was a shambles, Ben Gurion and Nasser had met on a British battleship to talk peace.

I was kept busy trying to do the best I could with the unit's limited medical supplies and reminding the medical orderlies of the difference between a triangular bandage and a tourniquet. Scheherazade was wary with me, watching me carefully and talking only of professional matters. Partly out of remorse for my rudeness in Jaffa, I had appointed him our ambulance driver.

Several hours cajoling on the rickety field telephone had produced a violently sore throat and an "ambulance" — a decrepit mustard yellow and purple bus which in times of peace travelled between the Arab villages of Western Galilee with a cargo of Bedouin, chickens, and sheep, and had now been commandeered to fight in this most unconventional of wars.

On Thursday afternoon Scheherazade and I were examining the bus, trying to work out how to tie as many stretchers as possible between the seats, when a sergeant came running up to us, panting and short of breath. "Come along in half an hour," he managed. "There's going to be a performance by the entertainment corps. On the lorry behind the dispensary."

Scheherazade grinned at me knowingly. "Now, why should the army want to keep amused all of the sudden?" He tapped the perspiring sergeant on the chest. "I'm ready to bet you a bottle of penicillin that by tomorrow morning we'll be paying a social call on some of our cousins in Gaza or Ismailia. Aren't I right, Itschik?"

The sergeant hesitated, then leant over us confidentially. "I can't tell you where we're going," he whispered hoarsely, "but I can tell you that you'd better put khefiyot round your heads and some springs on your backsides."

That evening, while we sat among the eucalyptus trees eating our marble-hard corned beef, small gravestone biscuits and smelly yellow cheese from tins, a voice came out of a loudspeaker. It was a business-like, brisk voice, and it spoke to the point. "Tonight you will sleep in your uniforms. You will not take off your boots. You will be ready to move at a mo-

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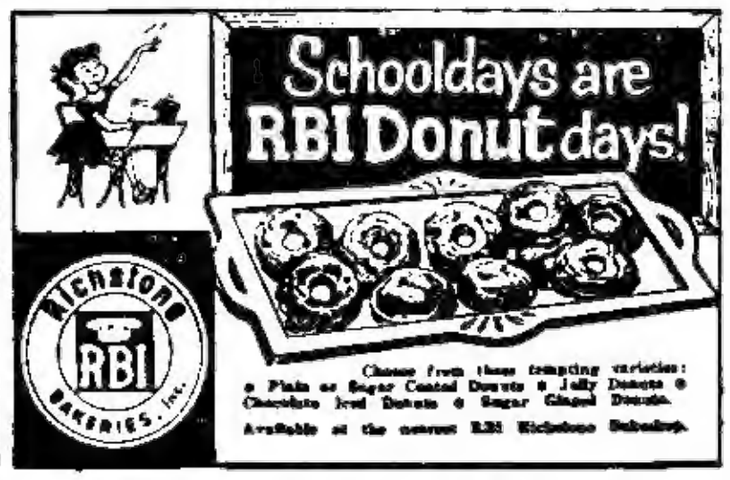

MONTREAL MEETINGS

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● TIFERETH ISRAEL ●

Congregation Junior Ladies Auxiliary: Social evening had Mrs. D. Peters as hostess. The raffle she donated, was drawn by Mrs. B. Brick, and won by Mrs. H. Davidson, 4519 Van Horne Avenue.

● SHAAR HASHOMAYIM ●

Synagogue, Wilfred Shuchat, Rabbi: Sisterhood Torah Fund tea concluded the effort on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in New York. Lazarus Phillips, Q.C., O.B.E., guest speaker, spoke on "Education In The Diaspora, A Challenge". The Torah Fund chairmen, are Mesdames Saul Josephson and Maxwell M. Kalman; Chai chairman, M. Kirk, R. L. Bercovitch, advisory; Paul Scherzer, treasurer; Nathan Bruker, publicity.

● BNAI BRITH ●

Sovereign Lodge 2148 elected president, Morrie Libtsug; and Irving Zwirek, Larry Rosenthal, Perry Silverman, Herbert Walters, Louis Crystal, Joseph Tenenhouse, Manuel Cohen, Samuel Mazor, Robert Feldstein, George Goldberg, John Aronoff, Hyman Busgang, Sydney Levitt and Saul Popoch. At the Sovereign Lodge annual installation of officers, on April 18, the guest entertainer will be Jennie Goldstein; for the annual "Mishpocha Night", at the Beth David Synagogue. For further information, call Larry Rosenthal, RI. 8-9773; or Irving Zoberman, RE. 3-1765.

● BETH HAMEDRASH ●

Hagadol Synagogue, G. L. Sheham, Rabbi: Sisterhood annual money shower and card party will be held on Monday, April 13, and Tuesday, April 14, at 8.30 p.m., in the community hall. Conveners for Monday night are Mesdames Moe Kotansky and M. Greenblatt; for Tuesday night, Mesdames Leo Levitt and H. Lecker.

● JEWISH CONVALESCENT ●

Centre Marcovitch and Schneider Group met at the Centre, 3100 Levesque Boulevard; Mrs. B. Goldenberg, Dolbeau Avenue, hostess. Mrs. D. Cohen, vice-president, presided. A get-well wish was expressed for Mrs. A. Boguslovsky. Present were Mesdames A. Adilman, J. Levine, I. Opolsky, M. Tiger, L. Sperling, E. Aronson, M. Rabinovitch, M. Mazur, M. Kaufman, B. Goldenberg, W. Morenstein, D. Cohen, N. Finkel, I. Cohen, M. Silverman, M. Greenspoon, H. Schneider. Mrs. M. Rabinovitch won the raffle and donated it to the Centre. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, at 2.30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. M. Rabinovitch, 5210 Victoria Avenue.

● SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE ●

Synagogue, Rabbi, Dr. Solomon Frank: Ian Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goodman, 1350 Carol Crescent, will be called to the Reading of the Torah on April 11. The Sisterhood, Mrs. Solomon Frank is programme chairman, on April 14, at 1.30 p.m., will hear a book review by Mrs. Dorothea Cheifetz. The closing meeting of the Young Adult Group is on April 15, at 8.30 p.m. The nominating committee, Misses Janet Samit, Betty Saskin; Willis Duchoeny, Harry Mogil; will present the slate of officers; elections. Refreshments; social dancing.

● BETH DAVID ●

Beth Yitzchok-Kehal Jeshurun Synagogue: Isaac J. Teicher, Rabbi; Services, Friday evening, at 6.30 p.m.; Saturday morning, at 8.45 a.m.Jacob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chiel Zuker, 4866 Hutchison Street, will be called to the Torah reading in celebration of his Bar Mitzvah. The Sabbath Bible class for High school students will meet on Saturday, at 5.30 p.m. The Sisterhood social evening, in the Community hall on Tuesday evening, April 14, at 8.00 p.m., has Mrs. M. Steinberg presiding.

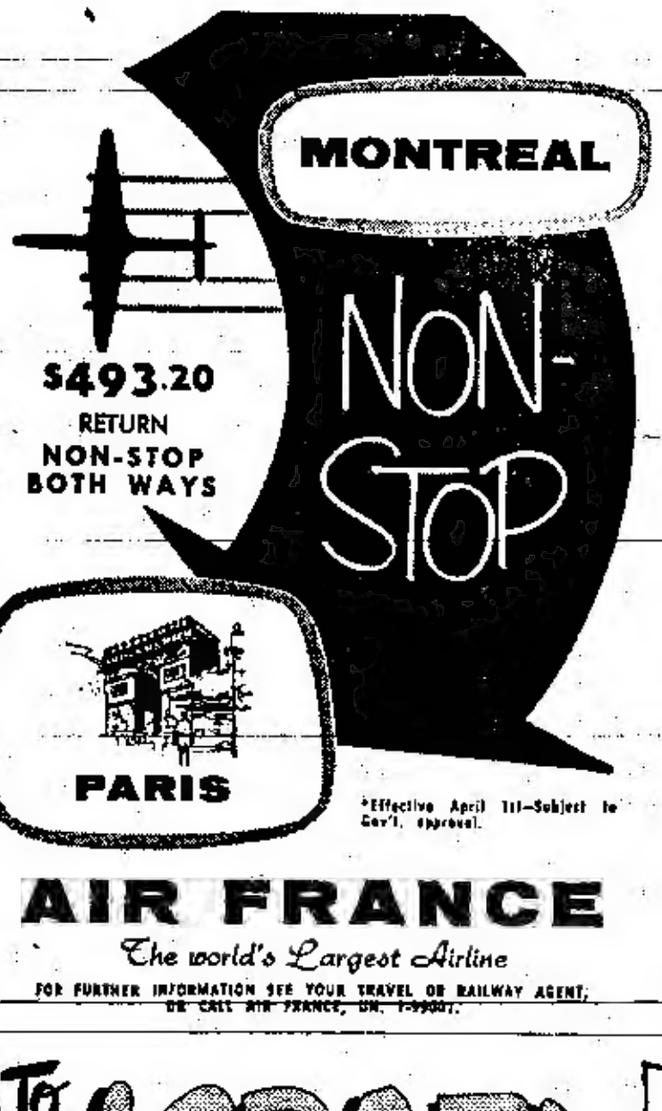
● DALSE WELFARE CLUB ●

Ladies Auxiliary new executive is: Mesdames H. Shulman, past president; L. Goldstein, president; M. Goldstein, N. Bailey; M. Steinberg, treasurer; I. Light, recording secretary; B. Englestein, corresponding secretary. A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. N. Bailey, 3859 Draper Avenue.

● SHOMRIM LABOKER-BETH YEHUDAH ●

And Shaare Tefillah, Dr. Chaim N. Denburg, Rabbi: Friday services, 6.25 P.M.; Saturday 8.45 A.M. Ladies Auxiliary and Sisterhood Passover meeting on April 15, at 8.30 P.M., will present as guest speaker Rabbi Denburg. Hostesses are: Mesdames M. Kutzman, C. Ship, S. Eisman, H. Eisman. Friends invited. The Breakfast Club discussion group is led by Rabbi Denburg every Sunday morning. Chairmen are: H. Flusher, I. Yanofsky, I. Bellman, C. Labow. A rummage sale will be held by the Ladies Auxiliary and Sisterhood some time in May. Call the Synagogue office, Re. 3-0462, for pick-up of rummage.

● Miss Anne Kahane, 3125 Maplewood Avenue, won the $150 prize of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts seventy-sixth annual spring exhibition for her sculpture in walnut, "Follow The Leader".



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ISRAEL ARMY

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dent Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

With mediation ruled out by Iraq's absence, the political committee appeared to be casting about for some positive role in the dispute, says the New York Times. One suggestion was that envoys be sent to try to persuade Iraq to attend a later session.

THE BIRTH OF A LEGEND

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ment's notice." As the voice stopped, a small bearded man whom we had all noticed hovering among the kitchen pots began moving among us with an ashen countenance, lips shivering, and handing out crudely-printed Hebrew leaflets.

I read mine with an increasing feeling of misery and disgust at its snivelling phrases and prayers for self-preservation, at its comparison of the khaki-clad figures around me with the Maccabeans, Bar-Kochba, and Joshua bin Nun. But before I had read more than a few lines, Scheherazade took the leaflet out of my hands: "That's all rubbish," he snorted. "If it's going to get you it'll get you, and that's all there is to it. Come on, we have work to do."

By midnight on that quiet, breathing moonlit evening a long line of vehicles had lined up along the sand track leading out of the eucalyptus grove. Some low commando cars headed the procession. Then came a bright-green laundry truck, two 5-ton Diesels, a milk delivery can, a covered police truck, several kibbutz lorries, an elegant red post-office van, a vehicle inscribed in Gothic lettering "Y. Pfefferkorn — Catering for Weddings And Festivities," and finally our yellow-and-purple Arab bus-cum-ambulance.

We sat hunched up inside the bus, among piles of bandages and bottles of iodine and hydrogen peroxide. The conversation touched on technical matters, flagged, sputtered, then petered out altogether. Everyone was sunk in his own thoughts, fears and anxieties. The silence became taut, an envelope of privacy round each one of us before the public deeds of war we might be called upon to perform on the morrow. And then, acting to eliminate this gathering tension, sitting in the darkness on one of the stretchers with his head illuminated by the moonlight shining through one of the windows, Scheherazade began to tell us his tales.

He did not press them upon us with the indiscreet urgency of inexperienced storytellers, nor hang back with the false modesty of conceited raconteurs. He told them with complete confidence in our profound interest, in his soft Sephardic accent which twanged the guttural consonants like a troubadour's guitar, occasionally raising his voice to a tremulous falsetto to mimic the voice of a woman or an eunuch, or lowering it to a deep ferocious bass to simulate a caliph or the thunder of Moses from Mount Sinai when he heard of the golden calf.

He began with stories of the area in which we were camped — of Abraham and Sarah and Abimelech, King of Gerar, which is the giant mound of Tel Jammeh, and the conflict between Esau and Jacob and their reunion near the ford of the Jabbok. Then he went on to tales of the area we would travel in the next day — the Children of Israel and their revolt against the Law, their expiation in the remorseless sands of Sinai, the patience of Lot when he fetched water three times from the Jordan to water the grave of his father.

Without any feeling of artificiality or contrivance he went on to stories of Bagndad. We thrilled to the story of the door which was given a thousand lashes and thus revealed the true murderer of the Caliph, and shuddered at the tale of the village possessed by a hundred jinn, the evil spirits which seize a man's soul and suck his peace until he dies raving. And when he spun out for an hour the hilarious story of the beautiful but crooked widow who had quite literally to be straightened out before being married to a rich grain merchant, we rolled about on the floor of the bus and shrieked with laughter, hitting one another on the back with ecstasy.

When I had recovered, I went up to Scheherazade, who sat triumphantly, on his stretcher quietly savoring his triumph. "Why didn't you tell me before that you knew stories like that?" I exclaimed contritely. "I'm sorry I was rude before, but I didn't realize you were something left over from the Thousand and One Nights!"

Scheherazade's dark eyes shone like amber in the moonlight. "So even you Ashkenazi vuz-vuz can appreciate that? Then how about putting my stories in a magazine?" The storyteller's mask was off: he was again the aggressive, cocky Scheherazade of everyday life, eager for attention and applause.

"Well," I replied cautiously, "I certainly think you could turn your talent into something. But I don't know how your stories would look in print — I mean, they depend so much upon your way of speaking, the inflections of your voice, the expression on your face. Have you ever tried working as a tourist guide?"

Scheherazade snorted indignantly. "Can you see me telling the same stories over and over again, twenty times a day, to a bunch of stupid tourists with cameras and checked shirts?"

"But perhaps you could vary the routine — invent some new stories, or find some new places."

At that moment the truck in front of us gave a convulsive shudder, and the whole line of vehicles began to move forward slowly. We tried to continue our conversation, but the noise was too great, and we subsided into an uneasy posture halfway between sleeping and waking.

We moved on through the night, feeling the sand track give way to asphalt and the asphalt to sand track again, bumping over the sharp hidden rocks of the Negev lying in ambush under the road scratched out of the desert. I slept for a while, and woke up after a particularly sharp bump, and slept again, and woke up finally during a thin shivering sunrise to hear Scheherazade chanting the Sephardic intonation of a verse from Moses' last speech to the Israelites: "Who led thee through that great wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; who fed thee in the wilderness with manna."

As things turned out, we encountered no resistance on our trip down to Eilat. We did not follow the main route, but went over Mount Halak and past Kadesh Barnea, where we drank the sweet water of the Spring of Judgment. Miriam, the sister of Aaron and Moses, died here, and Scheherazade told us the story of her last days with appropriate (and impromptu) pathos. In Wadi Jiraffi we came across a ragged caravan of Bedouin smuggling hashish from Egypt to Jordan in the saddles of their miserable flea-bitten camels. We destroyed the hashish, and watched them go off crestfallen into the empty desolation of the shimmering gray hills. Then we moved on slowly again through the shaven flat plain spiked with the thorny crucifixes of sisyphus trees.

On the afternoon of the second day we came across an abandoned Egyptian army-post on a razor-backed ridge of hills, from which we could see the Gulf of Eilat stretched like a taut blue [illegible] string between the jagged [illegible] million mountains of Jordan [illegible] Saudia Arabia. Three dead Egyptian soldiers lay [illegible] yards from a gun [illegible] One of them had [illegible]

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THE BIRTH OF A LEGEND

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by a bullet as he bent down to take off his shoes in order to run faster over the hot sand, and clutched his feet in a posture of frozen agony.

I buried them out of sheer pity in Arab fashion, weighing them down with stones so the jackals wouldn't snuff them out and uncover them. Scheherazade helped me, grumbling at the smell and making my blood run cold with stories of hyenas who could scent a body through twenty feet of solid rock.

We stayed there that day, guarding the road north to Eilat from Sharem es-Sheikh and waiting for orders. I lay in my pup tent in a rash of prickly hot sweat, occasionally getting up to treat a case of sunstroke or scarpion stings.

At about three o'clock in the afternoon Scheherazade burst into my tent in great excitement, his hair dishevelled and his clothes torn and silver with dust. "Come Doc," he gasped, "come and see what I've found." He put his fingers to his lips with a conspiratorial gesture. "But promise me — not a word to anyone!"

I followed him irritably out of my comfortable tent into the scorching hills, along a wadi lined with strata of brown and white rock looking for all the world like a luscious chocolate cake. As we went deeper this changed to parabolas of purple etched in delicate lines into the face of the sheer cliffs, coruscating green flashes from surface copper deposits, the sudden gleam of precious stones lying among gravel chips. Then, coming sharply round a bend, I gasped at the tremendous sight before me: five tall columns of rose-pink sandstone towered in front of us, like an enormous natural grand organ carved by centuries of wind and erosion. I paused, thinking this was what Scheherazade wanted me to see. But he pulled me along impatiently — "Come on, that's nothing to what you'll see inside!"

We climbed up to the columns. I could see now that the spaces between them were hollow. We passed through one of these narrow passages into an enormous hollowed-out chamber, about a hundred feet high and four hundred feet long. Fragile rock clusters hung from the roof like filigree lace; a row of massive limestone pillars supported the ceiling like carefully-placed columns; and in the center of the cave a plateau of flat rock thrust itself out of the floor, like the Rock of Moriah in the Dome of the Rock. The entire space was bathed in a translucent golden light, so that the walls glittered and shone as if inlaid with precious stones.

"Isn't this tremendous?" Scheherazade was beside himself with excitement. "I've been searching around the whole morning for something like this. You see, I was thinking about what you were saying, you know, about making use of my talent for story-telling. Now this cave, for example — and there must be plenty other things like this around here — suppose I turned this into a site for pilgrims. I could advertise it as Moses' grave. Wouldn't thousands of people come to see it? Then I'd show them around. I could leave Tel Aviv and come to live down here. I'd sell bits of rocks for souvenirs. Listen, I could make a fortune!"

I didn't know whether to be amused or shocked. "Really, Scheherazade," I exclaimed, "you of all people should appreciate that you can't just create a legend round a particular place just by deciding in an arbitrary manner that something happened here. People won't come to a place unless they really believe that this is the true site of the event. Besides, you'll have to think of something else, I'm afraid — Moses died near Mount Nebo, in Jordanian territory, and the Talmud says his grave will never be found."

"O.K., O.K.," Scheherazade growled unrepentantly, "so it'll have to be something else. But let me tell you that you're quite wrong when you say that people have to believe a hundred per cent in the place they are visiting. D'you think anyone going to Mount Zion really believes that King David is buried there? No, of course not. But they've come a long way from America or Europe or Tel Aviv, and they want to believe it. Besides, they have imagination, they try to think themselves into the history of the Bible. And that's the important thing." Scheherazade tapped me on the chest, using the full flow of his oratory: "Listen, at this moment *I feel* that Moses died here and is buried in this cave — and I can make anyone else believe it too!"

"Well, you won't make me believe it!" I was getting angry. "You can't just juggle with history and geography and facts like that, in order to make a handsome living! Why, the archaeologists will come down on you like a ton of bricks!"

Scheherazade hardly listened to me. He was clambering towards the flat rock table in the center of the cave. I thought how much like an agile ape he looked, with his long arms and thrust-forward head. "Who cares for a bunch of moldy old scientists!" he shouted back. "Besides, it's not only for money. I believe in making these places come alive. And if this place hasn't got a legend about it, I'll just have to invent one!"

At that moment a dreadful thing happened: I saw part of the roof move, shedding dust just over Scheherazade's head. "Scheherazade!" I shouted to him, starting forward. "Move, you idiot!"

But it was too late. Before my horrified eyes he disappeared from view in a cloud of rocks, sand and grit. I am not a religious or a superstitious man, but for a fleeting second of atavistic savagery I believed that he was struck down as a punishment for his blasphemy. But I returned to more civilized feelings immediately, and rushed forward to try to help him. The rock-fall had ceased, and only a few pebbles still trickled down from the roof onto my back as I dragged him out of danger and carried him to fresh air at the

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MONTREAL

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gurman (nee Zelda Fellen), 6470 McLynn Avenue, on March 20, at the Jewish General Hospital, twin sons: Marvin Eric and Jonathan Wayne; brothers of Rickie Helaine, aged three and one-half years; grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fellen, 4522 Plamondon Avenue; and of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Gurman, of Montreal. Godparents of Marvin Eric, are Mr. and Mrs. A. Freidman, 6885 Lemieux Avenue, uncle and aunt. H. Gurman, 1126 St. Viateur Street West, great-uncle, held the baby during the ceremony. Godparents of Jonathan Wayne are Mr. and Mrs. M. Green, 4526 Plamondon Avenue, uncle and aunt. Mr. Fellen, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Carlebach (nee Sylvia Freed), 5598 Jeanne Mance Street, on March 11, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Solomon; brother of Resi, aged thirteen years; Rachel, twelve; Shima, ten; Alex, five; and Tilson, three; grandson of M. Freed, 4527 Hutchison Street. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wohlgemuth, 6259 De-Viny Avenue. Mr. Freed, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lutterman (nee Evelyn Sandys), 6610 Nice Road, on March 24, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Richard Jay; brother of Karen Joy, aged four and one-half years; and Janice Lynn, two and one-half; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Sandys, 5307 Earnscliffe Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lutterman, 3905 Plamondon Avenue. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wexler, 6607 Cote St. Luc Road, uncle and aunt. Samuel Sandys, 6912 Coolbrook Avenue, uncle, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Isaacs, 40 Granville Road, on March 18, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Patricia Sue; sister of Celia, aged five years; and Phyllis, three; granddaughter of S. Isaacs, 351 Dufferin Road; and Mrs. P. Sang, of Buffalo, N.Y.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Pager (nee Lida Zipkin, formerly of Montreal), of New York, on March 5, at the Doctors' Hospital, there, a son, Clark; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Zipkin, 4318 Mackenzie Avenue, Montreal; and of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pager, of New York.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Baum (nee Gloria Goodman), 5840 Decelles Avenue, on March 24, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Allyn; brother of Athena, aged one and one-half years; grandson of Abraham Goodman, DeVimy Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fryfield (nee Lillian Morris, formerly of Vancouver, B.C.), of San Francisco, Calif., on March 18, a son, William Morris; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fryfield, 5265 St. Urbain Street; and of Mrs. Ray Morris, of Vancouver, B.C., and the late Dr. William Morris.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lesnoff (nee Peggy Nadel), 2220 Captain Bernier Street, on March 22, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Howard Noah; brother of Bryna, aged one and one-half years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lesnoff, 870 Wiseman Avenue; and of T. Nadel, 2804 Willowdale Avenue, and the late Mrs. Bryna Nadel. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nadel, 2804 Willowdale Avenue, uncle and aunt. Mr. Nadel, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Isaie Fishman (nee Barbara Goldman), 482 Borden Avenue, on March 20, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Alan Sanford; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. Weisberg, 4500 Earnscliffe Avenue; and of Mrs. Anne Fishman, 4100 Dupuis Avenue, and the late Harry Fishman. Godparents are Michael Greenberg, 4800 Western Avenue; and Mrs. B. Weisberg, grandmother. S. Rainals, 5191 Montclair Avenue, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bercuson (nee Elizabeth Zachinsky), 6 Roy Avenue, Montreal, on January 17, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, a daughter, Cindy Diane; sister of David, aged five years; and Marcy, four.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bercovitch (nee Claire Swedko), 4830 Plamondon Avenue, on March 16, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Bruce. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Swedko, of Ottawa, Ont. Philip Swedko, of Ottawa, Ont., grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

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MENDELSOHN-RAYMER

The marriage of Miss Bernice Raymer, daughter of Mrs. Celia Raymer, 8305 Goyer Avenue, and the late Rubin Raymer, to Mervyn Mendelsohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Mendelsohn, 1145 Lajoie Avenue, took place at Beth David-Beth Yitzchok-Kehal Yeshurun Synagogue, on Sunday, March 8, at six o'clock. Rabbi I. J. Teicher officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Joseph Raymer. Her gown of white peau de soie was fashioned with a fitted bodice; a neckline of embroidered lace; skirt appliqued with peau de soie and lace, ending in a chapel train. Her veil of tulle illusion was held by a coronet of tiny seed-pearl-beads and crystallettes, and she carried a white prayer book with mauve orchids and streamers of stephanotis. Miss Maureen Ruvman, cousin of the bride, as maid of honor, was in a gown of pink organza with an organza bow at the back and a short harem skirt. She had a pink tiara, and carried a cascade bouquet of white orchids. Ronda Joy Katz and Vivian Ruvman, cousins of the bride, were junior bridesmaids, in pink organdy, with matching headdresses; and carried pink chrysanthemums. Harry Mendelsohn, brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were: Ben Mendelsohn, brother of the groom; Gerson Zelman and Jack Markin, brothers-in-law of the groom; Harvey Raymer, brother of the bride; Norman Pressman and Donald Handelman, cousins of the bride; Sander Boretsky, Jerry Numerof, Melvin Lerner, and Jeffrey Ashmole. Alan Mendelsohn, nephew of the groom, was page boy. Pink and white gladioli, snapdragons, and small chrysanthemums were the wedding flowers. Mrs. Raymer, mother of the bride, was in a gown of pale orchid-coloured peau de soie, trimmed in chiffon and lace. She had a flowered hat of the same colour and a corsage bouquet of deep mauve orchids. Mrs. Mendelsohn, mother of the groom, was gowned in a sheath of old-rose-coloured lace with a cummerbund of mauve satin; a matching hat of lace; and had a corsage bouquet of pale mauve orchids. Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Mendelsohn spent their wedding trip at the Nevele Country Club, in Ellenville, N.Y., and bride travelling in a blue-grey tweed ensemble. Here for the marriage were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Markin, Mr. and Mrs. G. Zelman, Mr. and Mrs. N. Rowman, Mrs. L. Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. P. Weiss, and Mrs. S. Taub, all of New York; Dr. and Mrs. L. Rowman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Levinson, all of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. S. Grosser, and Mrs. S. Kaller, of Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Katz, and daughter, Rhonda, of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Tenant, Mr. and Mrs. S. Finkle, Mrs. R. Bell, Mrs. G. Clement, and D. Clement, all of Toronto, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Handelman, Mrs. O. Handelman, and Mrs. I. Shapiro, all of Ste. Agathe, Que.

HAZAN-KUSSNER

The marriage of Miss Norma Minette Kussner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kussner, 4880 Cedar Crescent, to Joseph Hazan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hazan, of Beirut, Lebanon, took place at the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel, on Sunday, March 22, at half-past five o'clock. Rabbi David Roth officiated, assisted by Cantor S. Rosenzweig. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her mother gave the groom in marriage. The bride's gown of white, embroidered organza was fashioned with a fitted bodice, scalloped neckline, bracelet-length sleeves, and a very full skirt with a cathedral train. Her short veil of tulle illusion was attached to a coronet of seed-pearl-beads, and she carried a prayer book covered with orchids. Mrs. Boris Moros, sister of the bride, as matron of honour, wore a gown of pink peau de soie, with a bandeau to match, and carried pink roses. Danielle and Lynn Hazan, nieces of the groom, were flower-girls, wearing bouffant dresses of white embroidered organdy, caught with pink sashes, and had pink headdresses and nosegays of pink rosebuds. Eli Hazan, brother of the groom, was best man. Pink and white roses, snapdragons, and gladioli were the wedding flowers. Mrs. Karl Kussner, mother of the bride, was gowned in pink Chantilly lace; with a hat of the same material; and had a spray of orchids and stephanotis pinned to her handbag. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hazan are spending their wedding trip in Europe. Here for the marriage were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edelstein, of Chatham, Ont.; Mrs. Harry Cohen, of Winnipeg, Man.; Philip Lasear, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seligman, of Toronto, Ont.; and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Nash, of St. Catharines.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baker, 1717 Bathurst Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rosalie Baker, to Jerry Langer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Langer, 144 Ava Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tepperman, 58 Sparrow Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rhoda Fern Tepperman, to Irving Kasner, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kasner, 1136 Queen Street West.

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THE BIRTH OF A LEGEND

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entrance to the cavern. He was conscious, but unable to speak coherently. His right leg had been crushed by a piece of granite, but his body had suffered only minor injuries.

I carried him back to camp, using a fireman's lift. He mumbled over my shoulder during the entire journey over pointed naked rocks and through fields of thorn bushes. I could make out only a few scattered words: "Earthquake . . . water . . . Moses, you devil!"

We took him into Eilat, and on the advice of the local doctor flew him up to the north for an emergency operation on his crushed foot. I went to see him every afternoon in the hospital just outside Tel Aviv. The foot did not have to be amputated, but he would limp for the rest of his life. I learned other things about Scheherazade, too, things which this teller of tales had kept firmly to himself: that his wife was about to leave him, taking along her two children; that he was a waiter in one of the smartest hotels in Tel Aviv, and that he was saving money for a little farm with a few chickens and sheep and an orange grove: "something I'll have to forget about now, I suppose," he said to me ruefully.

The war ended, Scheherazade limped out of the hospital, I went back to my room in Jaffa, and I lost track of him, as I lost track of nearly all the friends I made in the Sinai desert, when fear and danger brought men close and tore down conventional barriers. One bleak December afternoon I trekked out to the address he had given me, a despairing, disintegrating concrete shack tacked on to the rear of a garage in the Hatikvah quarter of Tel Aviv, a sink of dirt, disease and hopelessness. No, he had not been there for over a month. No, no one knew where he was. He was always coming and going, a real night-bird he was.

One day in January I accompanied a party of French V.I.P.'s down to Eilat. These were the palmy days of Israeli-French friendship, when the appearance of a French sailor on an Israeli cinema screen was enough to send the crowds into an ecstasy of "bravos." The two personages whose welfare I was delegated to look after were an ex-Minister of Defense, who wore the few wisps of hair he had left brushed slickly across his forehead and exuded perfume, and an official of the Ministry of Finance in Paris, who was kept busy translating Israeli lira into French francs and developed a fervent love for local yoghurt.

We flew down over the yellow barrenness of the Negev. Over Sde Boker I pointed out the hut in which Ben-Gurion lived after he resigned as Prime Minister. The ex-Defense Minister shrugged and lifted his eyebrows; it was plain that he found it incomprehensible that anyone could survive a day in this wilderness.

We spent the morning touring the copper mines at Timna, and the camp where King Solomon kept sixty thousand slaves to mine and smelt this malleable metal three thousand years ago. In the afternoon we visited the new harbor and went skin-diving off the coral reefs of Taba. The Finance Ministry official caught an octopus, which he insisted on frying and pronounced delicious.

Our plane back to Tel Aviv left at six. At five our guide said, "And now, if you're not too tired, a very special excursion — especially for the guests from the land of *l'amour!*"

We drove in army command-cars up a narrow ravine along a rough gravel track. As we travelled, I began to sense something oddly familiar about this rocky wadi. I recognized a strangely-shaped tree here, an emerald cliff face there. After ten minutes' riding we came into an open space, and there, waiting for us against five giant rose-pink columns, was Scheherazade, alert and taut as ever, but looking older and thinner.

He recognized me at once, and came limping towards me over the stones. "Well, Doc," he began, in great excitement, "you see I did what I said I would! Come on inside — after all, you're practically a partner in this cave!"

We clambered through the narrow passages into the cave. Scheherazade had left it in its natural state, but some carefully-placed neon lights lit up the central rock table and the limestone lace. He asked me to translate what he said from Hebrew into French for the benefit of the visitors, and then began in his hypnotically-smooth voice: "This, gentlemen, is the cave where King Solomon, the great and powerful king of Israel, and the Queen of Sheba, the most beautiful and richest woman of her time, spent the night during her state visit to the Holy Land in the year 950 B.C.!"

I must have gasped in astonishment, for he turned to me with a gesture indicating that I could translate the sentence, adding in a fierce whisper: "Come on, give it all you've got!"

For twenty minutes I dutifully followed his text, as he drew the attention of the visitors to the nuptial bed on the great stone table in the center of the floor, to the Queen's dressing-room behind the curtains of stone lace. I strove to emulate his rich prose as he described the landing of the Queen's ship on the shores of the beautiful blue bay, the pageantry of her presentation to the King, his instant enchantment, and the discreet withdrawal of the attendants so that they remained alone in the enormous, richly-carpeted bridal cave. The ex-Minister of Defense examined the legendary bed with professional interest, and nodded approvingly. The party seemed loth to leave this abode of love, but our plane was leaving, and we piled into the command-cars for the journey to the airport.

Before leaving I had a minute with Scheherazade.

"Scheherazade, you old rogue!" I whispered. "How will you get away with it?"

"Get away with it?" he snorted. "I should be given a medal! I've restored one of the most ancient traditions in all our history, and given it a wonderful home! And, besides, wasn't Solomon the first one to develop trade relations with Africa and the East — exactly what we're trying to do today? You'll see, I'm going to reconstruct the entire journey of the Israelites from Egypt — right here in the Negev!"

Back in the plane and flying over the great empty plain of the Arava, I tried to make conversation with my two charges. "Excellent possibilities as a port for Africa and the Far East, don't you think?" I remarked to the Finance official. "Yes," he replied, his mind on something else.

I turned to the ex-Minister of Defense. "What is your opinion of the strategic importance of Eilat?" I asked deferentially.

"Excellent, excellent," he replied curtly. Suddenly a beatific smile suffused his face. "The cave of the Queen of Sheba — c'est magnifique!" The Finance Ministry official broke into a voluble paean of praise, out of which I could only distinguish occasional phrases: "Incomparable . . . original . . . one of the wonders of the world!" They sank back into their seats, and dozed until we landed at Lod Airport, pleasurable smiles flitting across their faces as they dreamed of that romantic night three millenia ago, when a mighty king and a beautiful queen slept in one another's arms by the shores of the Red Sea.

Scheherazade has not yet kept his promise to reconstruct the journey of the Children of Israel. But the Cave of the Queen of Sheba has found its way into all the guide-books. A party of archaeologists spent a month there recently looking for antiquities. And Scheherazade wrote to me last week that he has "found" the rock which Moses struck in order to find water for his thirsty flock, and the site of the earthquake which swallowed up Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

That is really my whole story. Scheherazade would probably have told it better — but then his talent is for the oral, not the written word. And, opposed as I am to him on moral grounds, to his flagrant exploitation of popular interest in Israel's past, I must confess to a sneaking jealousy of his success. It is a further proof of something which I have suspected for a long time, and which is holding up work on the novel I mentioned at the beginning of this narrative: that when a genuine folk minstrel appears on the scene, with a genius for verbal description which can link the living thread of history to the spinning web of the present, the writer might as well pack up his tablet and pencil and join the throng of eager listeners.

This story is from the Jewish Frontier.

Sinaya, The Bedouin Desert Baby

BY THEODORE LEVITT, OF HERUT

The date was 5th November, 1956. All-around mopping up operations were going on in the wake of the tremendous victory won in the space of five days by the Israeli forces over Nasser's Russian-supplied and armed columns in the Sinai. Suddenly an Israeli patrol proceeding along a desert path west of Eilat in troop-carriers, spotted some dead bodies of Egyptian soldiers. Coming closer, the patrol could distinctly hear a baby crying.

The Israeli troops jumped off their vehicles to investigate and on the parched ground, next to her dead 16-year-old mother, lay a nine-months-old little Bedouin girl — all alone in the desert, wounded and barely alive. She was wrapped up in a dirty old blanket, hungry and thirsty. One of the Israeli soldiers, himself father of a young baby "back home" in Tel Aviv, volunteered to change the baby, using the patrol's first-aid kit and an army blanket; others provided water and biscuits, and the patrol turned round to return to its base, taking the baby along.

As soon as their duties allowed it, the soldiers drove the baby to the nearest field hospital. The army surgeon on duty, Dr. Bechar, examined the little desert miracle and discovered, with the aid of X-ray, that a bullet had entered through the baby's abdomen into her right lung, and was still there. An immediate operation proved that it would be safer to leave the bullet intact inside.

For several days the little Bedouin girl rested in the field hospital — and throughout the warm-hearted Dr. Bechar was considering what to do with her. Until finally one day he made up his mind. He would take the orphan with him to Jerusalem on his release. But Dr. Bechar was not going to be released so soon, and so for the time being the baby was taken by jeep to "Kfar Hamed," in the vicinity of Elath, to be looked after until her transfer to Jerusalem.

Soldiers and settlers all played with her there, and every possible care was taken to make her happy and help her recover. It was there that the question of naming the baby cropped up. Having been found in Sinai, what name could have been more appropriate than Sinaya? And so Sinaya she became. On his release, Dr. Bechar collected Sinaya from the settlement, took her to Elath by road, and thence by plane to Lydda.

From there he went by car to Jerusalem and arrived at his home carrying Sinaya in his arms. "I have brought you a gift from Sinai — Sinaya — told his family, presenting his ward to them. Soon afterwards, however, Sinaya had to undergo further medical treatment and so she was taken to Hadassah Hospital and on 30th December, 1956 — on her complete recovery — she was transferred to the Wizo Baby Home — that beautiful and modern institution in Jerusalem.

A few more weeks, and "Sinaya" became "Ruth Bechar" — her third name in as many months. The dark-haired Ruth-Sinaya is universally popular at the Home. She is a pleasant child, with delicate features, black shiny hair and plump legs. From the very first day at the Baby Home she has shown herself to be of independent spirit.

She insisted on eating without help but still faced some difficulty in getting used to eating with a spoon or fork — preferring to use her little hands, as all Bedouins do, whether young or old. Another interesting feature of her character is that whatever toys she bumps into — she takes for herself, but she does it with such a disarming smile that she is usually allowed to keep them.

She was dressed in her Saturday best — most of the time — because being the centre of interest both among the personnel and the visitors to the Home, she has got to be "properly dressed." Among the most frequent visitors is, of course, Dr. Bechar. And so, among Jewish babies from all over the world, there lives and develops in the Baby Home a Bedouin girl — and Israelis are not forgetting to add their favourite remark: "For the first time in three thousand years."

This article is from the South African Jewish Chronicle.

Children are sensitive to any feeling of discord in the home. When adults must hold arguments, it is as well to do this when the small child is not present. Continued disharmony in the home may cause the youngster to develop a feeling of insecurity.

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Forty Years Of The Habima Theatre: From Russia To Israel

BY ITZHAK IVRY, OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL, IN NEW YORK

The Hebrew theatre Habima has reached the age of forty years. On this occasion the people of Israel felt it their pleasant duty to congratulate the founders and builders of this theatre and its devoted troupe. On this occasion, the minister of education officially proclaimed the Habima Theatre as the national theatre of Israel. A jubilee is more often a cause for celebration than for stock-taking. Nevertheless, some leading theatrical figures in Israel, old-timers and co-founders of the Habima Theatre in Moscow, took this occasion to dwell on the beginnings, review the past, and gaze into the future.

The beginnings of Habima were as great and extraordinary as the times in which it was born. The history of the Habima Theatre began in the early days of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. But its prehistory began in 1912-13 in Bialystok, where Nachum Zemach, a Hebrew teacher and artist, nourished in his heart unheard of visions of a Hebrew theatre. It was another dreamer and visionary of the Bialystok Jewish community, Dr. Joseph Chazanovitz, later to become known as the founder of the National Library in Jerusalem, who helped the Zemach troupe to realize their project of performing before the eleventh Zionist Congress, in Vienna.

But the idea of a full-fledged Hebrew theatre was to remain a dream because of the outbreak of World War I which stifled Zemach's initiative and boundless energy. For some strange and wonderful reason this great idealistic venture, this dream which nobody believed could come true, became reality in the cataclysm of world war and destruction, cruel pogroms and social upheaval. R. Ben Ari, one of the first students of the Habima group tells thus about the beginnings of Habima and Mr. Zemach's role in them: "These young people came from all parts of Russia, with nothing in their hearts but disappointment, despair, and great doubts. They were the young Jewish men and women whose hopes for themselves, for their people, were shattered by the terrible pogroms. They had little faith in themselves and less in mankind. Zemach was the man who rehabilitated these young students by giving them new hope, a new faith, a purpose in life. And thus he prepared, for Stanislavsky, Vachtangov, and the others, a wonderful group of students. It was because of Zemach that these masters were able to shape these young people into a theatre group that created new forms in the art of acting, that brought new and rich experiences to the stage."

Although a tragic rift was later to separate Zemach from his theatre, together with a few others of the group while the main body of the Habima Theatre took roots in Israel, there is none among the leading Habima people who would negate the fact that were it not for Nachum Zemach the Habima ideal would never have become a fact. The great Habima actress, Hanna Rovina, was asked by a reporter to tell something about the beginnings of Habima as "one of its three founders." Madame Rovina interrupted the reporter brusquely:

"The Habima had only one founder, and his name was Zemach! When I remember those days I become convinced for the thousandth time that each great enterprise must have its 'madman'. Habima's great madman was Zemach. Fortunately, he found a group of fanatics who were ready to join him. He was extraordinarily persuasive in convincing people and influencing colleagues. In his presence nobody dared to speak in any other language but Hebrew. These were days of hunger and cold. None of us made a living from our theatrical activities. We all worked. For two years I taught kindergarten. Every free moment we devoted to our great love, the Hebrew theatre Habima, the future theatre of Eretz Israel. Those were days of starvation, but we were imbued with a great spirit. Some of our greatest achievements were born in those days."

The great poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik, in describing the Habima group of those days, once said: "The Habima members considered themselves priestlings in preparation for the Service of the Lord in the Temple. I remember now the hymn they sang. I can't recall the words so well; mere words. But the spirit in which they sang them! There was fire encircling them. And I, too, was burning with them in this flaming fire. We were torches of fire burning so for three months, and it was really surprising that we weren't all burnt to ashes, and it was the good fortune of them all to make their step toward a high degree of art, not without any spiritual exertion, which degree, in those days, was perhaps, the highest ever reached by any art theatre, in comparison with all other degrees reached theretofore."

It was thus that a Hebrew theatre came into being some sixty years after Goldfaden founded his first Jewish theatre. But while Goldfaden was operating with a living language, it was the task of Habima to revive the Hebrew tongue on the art stage. It was again the poet Bialik who once told the Habima actors, "In Hebrew you need much more talent to achieve the same level reached by an actor who is playing in his mother tongue and whose body movements and facial grimaces easily complement his natural speech." In a speech in honor of the Habima in 1933, Bialik said:

"Those were the months when the members of Habima conceived the idea of a Hebrew theatre and what it should be. The Hebrew theatre should be in particular the theatre of prophetic pathos, one of holy pathos and sacred attitude. If only you had seen those Jews of Moscow! Even a non-Jew entering their circle was transformed, he became a Goy from another world. Vachtangov himself once said to me: 'I work in other studios and with other groups, but when I enter this place I am obsessed, I become a different person.' Gorki, too, once said to me: 'How great is the charm of this small house. When one craves for rest and wishes to afford himself of the peace of soul in getting away from the turmoil of life, he is only to enter this house and he soon finds himself in a different world.' These young men had something specifically their own. They grasped, by means of some internal instinct, the difference between the Hebrew theatre and any ordinary theatre, any other theatre. They possessed something wonderful. The Jew was able to transform his laws into chants, prayers, and ritual poetry. And this is what the Habima people have done. They turned the theatre into a lofty vision, an eternal pathos; they made it a chant, a prayer, to them it was prophecy itself, vision proper. I am certain that there is a great Jewish-Hebrew truth in this conception of the Habima theatre. I do not know if every actor succeeds in renewing and reviving that conception in its entirety while playing. There will undoubtedly be occasions where they will not be true to it; they have very likely met with such already. But if they generally remain true to their own souls, to their heart's feelings, to their Hebrew instinct and their first conception, which sanctified them and prepared them for persecutions and tortures, and they have, indeed, bent under the yoke of inhuman hardships for several years, then they will have attained something."

The full story has yet to be told of how the Habima became a state theatre in Moscow, how the great Stanislavsky from the Moscow Art Theatre became so enthusiastic about the Habima that he sent his best pupil, Vachtangov, to teach and coach them (it was Vachtangov who directed the immortal play, "The Dybbuk," by Ansky), of how the Russian critics raved about the Habima performances and lauded "the Biblical Theatre" at a time when the Hebrew Bible was already forbidden literature in Soviet Russia, and how the young Hebrew art theatre fought off the repeated attacks of the Yevsektzia with the help of such unique personalities as Lunacharsky, Gorki, and Stanislavsky.

Zemach and his friends fought a bitter battle, but in the end they were bound to loose. Zionism was counter-revolution, and Hebrew was a language sooner or later to be stricken out of Jewish life in Russia. The friends of Habima won all the battles, but lost the war. It was Lenin himself who in 1918 signed the document recognizing Habima as a state theatre. It was Lunacharsky, the Commissar for Education, who was a great friend of the Habima, and so were the founders of the Moscow Art Theatre, Stanislavsky, Nemirovich-Danchenko, the singer, Chaliapin, and Maxim Gorki, who was present at three performances of "The Eternal Jew" (by David Pinsky), directed by the Georgian Mchedelov. Gorki said:

"In this play the prophet of the days of the Destruction of the Temple is shown in all his tragic grandeur. Without understanding the language, and only by the pleasure of listening to the sound and rhythm, did I feel all the anguish of the prophet who was not understood by his people he loved so dearly. I felt the great despair of a pain-stricken heart. This performance, which is enchanting in its beauty and harmony, brings back to me the good years of the Art Theatre well-known in Moscow, when its best actors were in their prime. The Habima actors also have the element of ecstasy. The theatre for them is a rite, a worship, and this can be sensed immediately. Habima is a theatre which the Jews can be proud of."

Soon the days approached when the further existence of the Hebrew Art Theatre Habima in Moscow became an impossibility. In January, 1926, the Habima group left Russia. In 1928 they reached Palestine and remained there until 1929 when they left for a tour abroad. They returned in 1931 and since then have devoted their main efforts to the country where a "Biblical theatre" is the most natural thing.

The beginnings in Moscow were a fortunate circumstance in that they assured the theatre a broad and strong art foundation and a gallery of great directors: Vachtangov, Chekhov, Dyky, Granovsky, and thus enabled the Habima group to raise directors of their own. One of them, Chemerinsky, directed more than twenty plays. In Moscow they also learned to play as an 'ensemble' and to work and live as a collective unit. Madame Rovina once said: "They say about us that we are something more than good theatre. It is our ensemble play and our collective organization that has brought us fame and popularity."

The repertoire of the Habima has been varied and many-faceted, although not always the happiest one. It is a fact that some great Jewish writers found the Habima a memorable vehicle for their works. The poet H. Leivik's trilogy, "The Golem," and "The Dream Of The Golem," and "Who Is the Man?" were staged by the Habima, and so were a great many of Shalom Aleichem's plays in the wonderful translation and adaptation by J. D. Berkovits, the foremost among them: "Tuvia," "The Treasure," "Hard To Be A Jew" and several others. Habima also staged two plays by Peretz Hirshbein and two by Jacob Gordin, a biblical and a contemporary play by Ashman, and several plays by writers of the younger generation like Shamir, Mossinson, and others. Several plays by Shakespeare have been staged by Habima, and in recent years — such modern plays as "Death Of A Salesman," and "Cry The Beloved Country." In most of these plays actors of stature like Rovina, Meskin, Finkel, Bartonov, and Klatzkin gave memorable performances.

Several events in the life of Habima in Eretz Israel were of considerable import to its development. In 1932 the "Circle Of The Friends Of Habima" was founded. It played an important part in bolstering the morale of the Habima members and strengthening them in their struggles and tribulations. A second important factor was the establishment of the Habima theatre building in Tel Aviv, and a third was the founding of the Habima art school as a means of attracting new and young talent to the Habima workshops. Unfortunately, there was a delay of more than ten years before this fruitful decision was taken, and thus the glory of Habima today rests largely on the great achievements of its veteran stars and on the promise of some of its very able young actors. On the whole we may say, along with the great admirer and spiritual mentor of Habima in its early days, Chaim Nachman Bialik:

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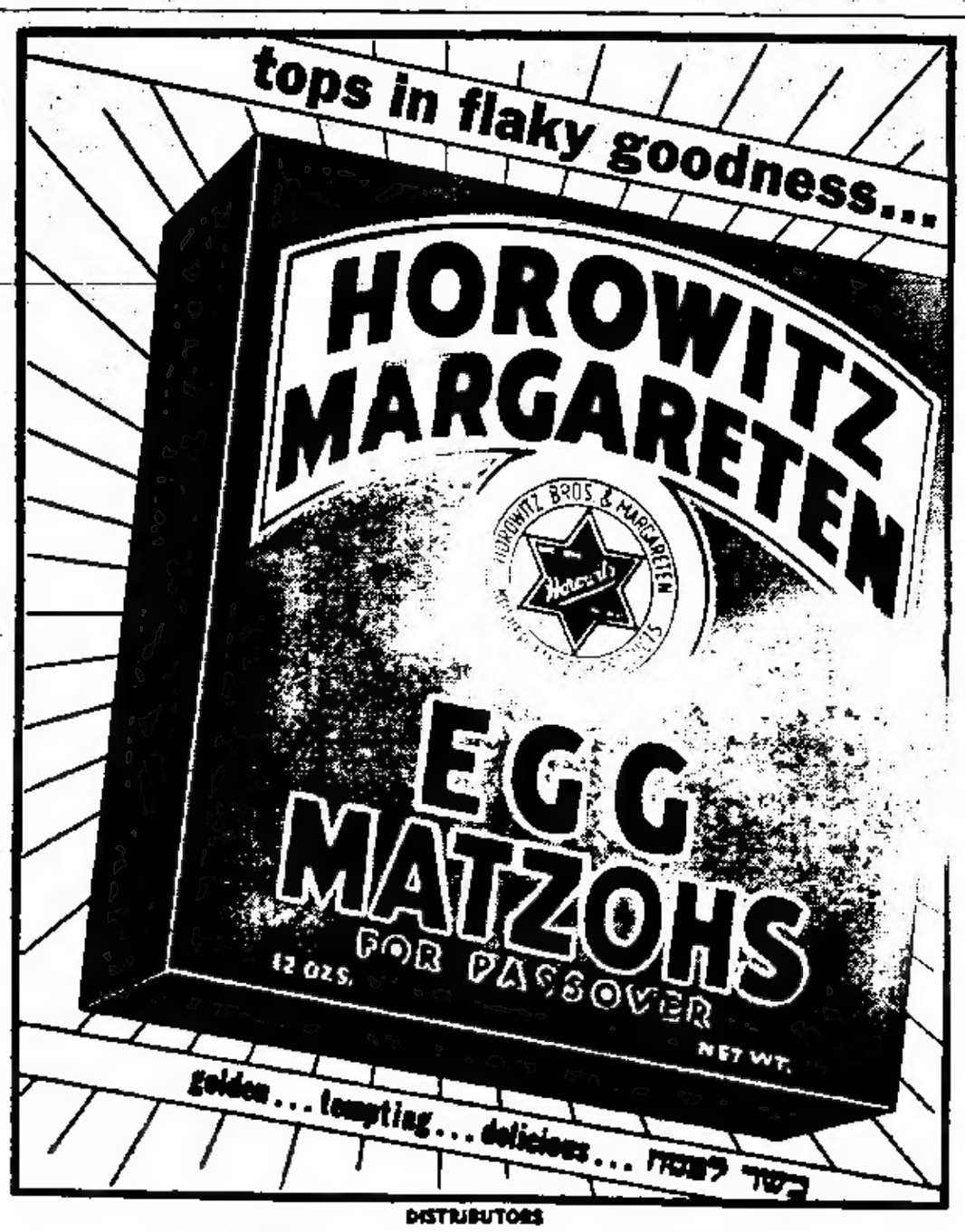

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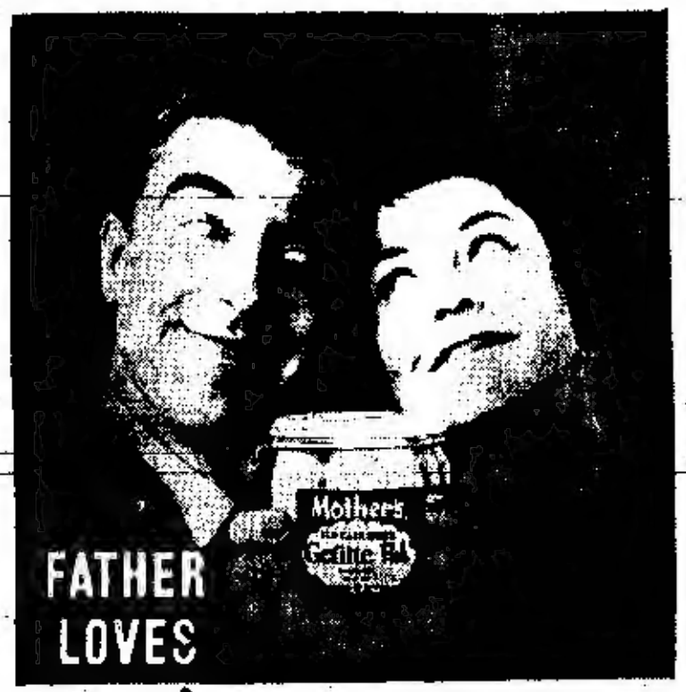

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Notes On Survival

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A police dossier on Joseph Joanovici might read something like this:

"Born in 1905 in Kishinev in the Balkans, the son of Isaac and Zelta Hala, who were killed later that year in a pogrom. Aliases: Juanesky, Jouanneau, Joinov, Inovici, Joinou, Joseph Levy. Employment: ragpicker, scrap metal dealer, entrepreneur, double agent. Has been a citizen of Rumania and the Soviet Union, but now claims to be a stateless person. Wanted for swindling, nonpayment of taxes, contempt of court, illegal exit. Physical description: short, pudgy, grey-haired, looks vaguely like Alfred Hitchcock."

Mile-Long Queues. In 1927 Joseph Joanovici emerged from the obscurity of the Balkans to settle down in the Parisan suburb of Clichy. In twelve years he progressed from a ragpicker's cart to become a millionaire and one of France's top scrap metal dealers. At the outbreak of World War II, 34-year-old Joanovici tried to enlist in the French army. Turned down because he was a Rumanian national, he sent his personal check for $3,000 to War Minister Edouard Daladier to help the war effort.

When the Nazis marched into Paris, Joanovici sought to avoid the concentration camps by taking out Soviet citizenship papers (the Nazi-Soviet pact was not yet broken). Taunted later for this, Joanovici snapped: "So, is it a crime? There were queues a mile long outside the Russian embassy."

When Germany attacked Russia in 1941, nimble Joanovici became a Rumanian again by the simple process of buying back his papers from a Vichy French passport official. Later, he declared himself a stateless person. Soon the Nazis were knocking at his door, not to arrest him, but to beg humbly for his help. Germany was short of scrap, and Joanovici could supply it.

"How could I refuse?" he asked rhetorically. "If I had said no, the Germans would just have taken it for nothing." So Joseph said yes and, as the chief German scrap agent in France, made a fortune variously estimated from $16 to $84 million. Once, because of a delivery of defective copper scrap, he was thrown into prison for a few months, but he bribed his guards, and his cell was well stocked with *foie gras* and smoked salmon.

Aryan Businessman. The Nazis let him out again and, back in his old job, Joseph Joanovici became "a state within a state." His payroll included Vichy officials, Gestapo agents, profiteers, speculators, fences, gangsters. He once explained the niceties of his profession: "I had lunch with the Vichy official whose job it was to see that all businesses were run by Aryans. He noticed I spoke with an accent and asked me where I was born. I told him I would like to give him money regularly, as a contribution to the Red Cross."

Joanovici, in the classic fashion of those who reinsure, did not neglect the other side: he contributed heavily to the French resistance, claims to have saved thousands of Jews from deportation. Resistance Leader Albert Bayet testified that "Joanovici supplied us with arms without which the 1944 Paris uprising could not have occurred. In the confusion of the liberation of France, Joseph even got a "certificate of honor" as a "resistance fighter without uniform," from the hands of Robert Lecourt, who became France's Minister of Justice. Police agents sent to investigate Joanovici later turned up as officers in his manifold companies.

A Staggering Fine. In 1949 his luck wavered. Found guilty in Paris of speculation, tax evasion and "illicit profitmaking," Joanovici was sentenced to five years in prison and fined a staggering billion francs (roughly $3,000,000). After serving two years, he was let out but confined to the small southern city of Mende (pop. 7,700) in one of the most impoverished areas of France. Within months, Mende was a boom town. A telephone operator had to be hired whose sole job was handling Joanovici's calls to world capitals. His monthly phone bill ran to 600,000 francs; he spent 30,000 francs daily on entertaining; he contributed heavily to local sports and charities and was on the best of terms with everyone, from the prefect to the policeman assigned to guard him.

Regularly every month Joanovici sent off a check for a million francs to the French treasury, boasted: "I am France's most conscientious taxpayer!" Admitted a business rival: "Armed simply with a telephone, Joanovici practically controlled the world price of copper scrap."

In November 1957 Joanovici got police permission to pay a visit to his mistress in Paris. He was not seen again; but the Minister of the Interior received a letter in which Joanovici "regretfully announced" that "I am not able to earn enough money to reimburse the state . . therefore I am compelled to leave France." Days after his departure, the police unearthed a vast financial scandal: groups of businessmen had looted a billion francs from the treasury by obtaining tax rebates on nonexistent metals and other goods. Said the chief accused, one Pierre Bereque: "I was just a cog in the machine. The real boss of our outfit was Joanovici."

Joanovici was reported seen in Germany, Switzerland, Egypt. But he turned up in Haifa, Israel, in a small group of Jewish refugees arriving by plane from Morocco. He gave his name as Joseph Levy. "All ten of the passengers on the plane had passports in the name of Joseph Levy," he adds with a grin.

Initialed Gown. At his sister's modest two-room flat in Haifa he became a pampered guest, lounging about in a blue dressing gown initialed J.J. Israel has no extradition treaty with France, and under Israel's sweeping Law of the Return, Joanovici was confident of obtaining Israeli citizenship. But Joanovici's acute perceptions were getting a bit blurred: he had forgotten that, since the Suez invasion, France and Israel have become the staunchest allies, and that a dubious new immigrant would not weigh importantly in the scales against reasons of state. After 14 months of legal wrangling, the Israeli government ruled against Joanovici, and he was put aboard a ship bound for Marseilles, with the unusual distinction of being the only one in a million Jewish immigrants to Israel ever to be expelled.

Last week at Marseille, besieged by French police, Joanovici at first petulantly refused to set foot on French soil. But at last, after a conference with his lawyer, he walked down the gangplank smoking a fat cigar, smiling pudgily for the photographers. To reporters he said airily: "I have no fears because I have confidence in French justice." To a welcoming friend, he muttered an aside: "Don't worry — I'll get out of it again."

FORTY YEARS OF THE HABIMA THEATRE

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"The path cannot be a straight one. But if they generally remain true to their own souls, to the heart's feelings, to their Hebrew instinct and their first conception which sanctified them, Habima may yet reach new heights." It is Bialik, again, who said: "In Hebrew the word art, "*omanuth*," derives from the same root as the word truth, "*emeth*." Art must give expression to the truth of life, to the moral truth, to the esthetic truth, to the logical and sensible truth. In moments of importance in the life of a nation it should reveal the truth just as prophecy has done in its day. It should be national and serve the national interests in the same measure and with the same end as the prophets have. Habima should be filled with a Hebrew, national content, in the highest sense of these words."

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MONTREAL MEETINGS

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● BARON DE HIRSCH INSTITUTE ●

The 95th annual meeting, with the Jewish Child Welfare Bureau, will be held on April 15, at 4:30 p.m. in the Jewish Community Services Building. Lawrence Z. Cohen is president. A panel discussion on "Our Agency's Role, Today And Tomorrow" will be held by board members: Mrs. Arnold Fisher, Joe Caplan, Roy Hoffman; staff members: Mrs. R. Eckstein, Miss Lottie Lotheim, Ernest Hirshbaum, S. L. Kussner. David Weiss, executive director, will act as moderator. They will examine the responsibilities and activities of the above agencies of the Federation of Jewish Community Services, in the light of economic, social, and emotional changes which affect Jewish families and individuals in the community.

● B'NAI BRITH HILLEL ●

Foundation: For distinguished efforts at McGill University and Counsellorship at Sir George Williams College for Hillel, Rabbi Samuel Cass awarded the International Hillel Key to the outgoing vice-president of the McGill executive, David H. Auerbach. Other award recipients were: Abraham Aaron Hartman, Marvyn Robert Novick, Ralph Zvi Roskies at Sir George: David Mendelson, Andrew Simon, Stanley J. Weinstein; at McGill: Nancy Berke, Edward Gerald Bierbrier, Bryna Burman, Annalee Elman, Frances Lorraine Fogle, Norman Friedman, Teena Toba Garelick, Lazer Resnick, Charles Louis Spector, Barry Joseph Wiesenfeld; at Sir George: Linda L. Cohen; McGill: Joel Ian Ball, Irwin Cotler, Ben Zion Daifen, Sarita Elman, Janice Dorothy Greenberg, Rhona Kornbluth, Philip Howard Lander, Rebekah Zlona Mendelson, Ralph H. Ordower, Soryl Pofelis; Sir George: Chaim Borenstein, Rosalind L. Druker, Harvey V. Frumkin, John R. Garson, Carol A. Goldenberg, Allan Roness, David Schatia, Samuel L. Sussman. Newly-elected officers installed by the director, Rabbi Cass, were: McGill: president, Ralph Zvi Roskies, Irwin Cotler, Teena Toba Garelick, Elaine Glaser, Marvyn Robert Novick; Sir George Hillel: president: Andrew J. Nutlay, Allan Roness, Harvey V. Frumkin, Rosalind L. Druker, Carol Goldsmberg.

● ZIONIST ORGANIZATION ●

Of Canada: Sol. D. Granak, national vice-president, will be guest speaker at the Eastern Region National Council meeting on May 3, at 8:15 p.m., at Zionist Headquarters on "The Zionist Task In The Second Decade Of Statehood." In 1952 Mr. Granak was elected president of the Central Division and has served as national vice-president since 1956, having been re-elected in 1958. He has also been national chairman of the United Israel Appeal from 1956 to 1958; chairman of the Appeal, Central Division, from 1952 until the present. He is a leader in the Jewish Welfare Fund of St. Catharines, Ontario; a member of the Dominion Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress; and past president of Bnai Brith. He represented Canada in 1952 on the actions committee of the World Zionist Congress, and has visited Israel on three occasions. Fred Packer, chairman of the Eastern Region, announced that the meeting will be open to the public.

● HOSPITAL OF HOPE ●

Unit meeting on April 13, at 2:00 p.m., is: Goodwill — Leonard Bregar, at 4465 St. Lawrence Boulevard, Mrs. I. Singer, president; Mrs. P. Abramovitch and Mrs. B. Posen, hostesses. At 8:00 p.m. is: J. Bercovitch, at the home of Mrs. M. Ziderman, 2415 McNulty Street. Unit meeting on April 14, at 2:00 p.m., is: J. Manolson, at the home of Mrs. S. Levine, 5597 Clanranald Avenue. At 8:00 p.m. is: Hesha Berson and Rose Moss, money shower and card party at 4465 St. Lawrence Boulevard; Mrs. M. Singerman is president. Unit meetings on April 15, at 8:00 p.m., are: Fraid—Phil. Cohen, at the home of Mrs. B. Bellman, 4650 Plamondon Avenue; I. J. Borrin, at the home of Mrs. A. Shlapkoff, 5130 Bourrett Avenue. Unit meeting on April 16, at 8:00 p.m., is: Hesha Berson and Rose Moss, at the home of Mrs. M. Singerman, 3050 Maplewood Avenue. Chaile and Gittel Unit met at the home of Mrs. S. Gordon, 5843 Durocher Avenue; Tikvah-Kats-Mindlin Unit, at the home of Mrs. J. Weiser, 5782 Smart Avenue; Mordecai and Esaie Baker Unit, at the home of Mrs. L. Schwartz, 387 Dufferin Road; Isaac and Sima Rutman Unit, at the home of Mrs. J. Silver, 819 Stuart Avenue. At the seventeenth annual meeting of the Jewish Hospital of hope, April 16, at 4465 St. Lawrence Boulevard, the presidential report will be given by J. R. Bogants, Q.C.; Nat Cohen, honorary treasurer, financial report; Dr. Joseph Kaufmann, chairman of the medical board, report; Mrs. M. Pinsky, president of the Council of Units, report. A sun-room at the hospital will be dedicated soon in recognition of the humanitarian services of the women of the Units. A bronze plaque, will be placed there. Dr. Harvey Z. Hollinger and Dr. Danica Venecek have been appointed to the medical staff. Dr. William V. Cone has been appointed consultant neurosurgeon.

● CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS ●

Abraham Sutskever, eminent Yiddish poet and editor of the literary quarterly "Di Goldene Keyt", is here from Israel for an extended lecture tour, auspices of the Congress with various other Jewish organizations. Mr. Sutskever, who spent the war years in the Vilno Ghetto and later fought with a partisan unit behind enemy lines, will be the main speaker at the Ghetto Memorial evenings in Montreal, April 20; Toronto, May 3; and Winnipeg, May 5 or 6, and will also speak at several evenings in his honour sponsored by Jewish organizations in each of these cities. Born in 1918 in Smorgon, Poland, Sutzkever spent his childhood in Siberia where his parents were sent in the wake of the invading German army. His long poem, "Sibir", commemorating these early years, was illustrated by Marc Chagall, who wrote: "Its language reaches great poetic heights. It is a kind of artist-poetry, poetry of the eye." In 1946 he published "Vilner Ghetto", a prose autobiography of the war years; followed by the poems "Di Festung" ("The Fortress"); "Yiddishe Gass"; "Geheimatodt," a poetic account of the symbolic last ten survivors after the liquidation of the Ghetto. In Israel he is the editor of the Histadrut's literary quarterly, "Di Goldene Keyt." His latest volume of poems, "In Midbor Sinai," was published in Tel Aviv, 1957. Ludwig Lewisohn, in an essay on Yiddish poetry, wrote: "Sutzkever represents that miraculous youth which, without and within the land (of Israel) has been the particular and unrivalled glory of this age in Jewish history. The unquenchable hope and aspiration and iron resistance of his generation are incarnated in one of the most original lyrical techniques of our time. The triumph of the spirit over circumstances has not often been more powerfully illustrated." The Jewish Congress has received assurances from Dr. E. S. Giles, Director of Protestant Education in the Province of Quebec, that the date of the matriculation examinations in Protestant High Schools of Montreal, originally scheduled for June 12, which coincides with the first day of Shavuot, has been changed. Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky, chairman of the religious welfare committee of Congress, interceded with the Protestant School Board on behalf of parents whose children were expected to take the examinations on the holiday. The provision of the agreement governing the attendance of Jewish children in the Protestant schools stipulates that they are free from attending on Jewish holidays. The original schedule of examinations at McGill University, which included several dates occurring on Passover, was also revised after the matter was taken up by Rabbi Zambrowsky and Rabbi S. Cass, director of the Bnai Brith Hillel Foundation. Similar arrangements were also made at Sir George Williams College. The Congress expressed its appreciation to the authorities for prompt co-operation.

●BETH ZION SYNAGOGUE●

Canadian art exhibition and auction is taking place until April 15, and will culminate in an auction and sherry party to be held on that day at 8:00 p.m. A partial list of exhibitors is: Leon Bellefleur, Rita Briansky, Ghitta Caiserman, Stanley Cosgrove, Margaret Fainman, Eric Goldberg, Eva Landori, Maltais, Jean McEwen, Mario Marola, Jean-Paul Mousseau, Louis Muhlstock, Alfred Pellan, Gordon Pfeiffer, Goodridge Roberts, Tobie Steinhouse, Phillips Surrey, Gentile Tondino. The auctioneer will be Lionel Goldsmith. Harry Mayerovitch will speak. His Worship, Mayor J. A. Paris, and Mrs. Paris, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Lortie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Elie, and Mrs. Jacob Elkin are honorary patrons. No charge for admission to the exhibit. The committee is: Mesdames A. Lavigueur — Chairman, L. Balinsky, N. Cales, L. Cass, J. Gersho, A. Kowall, B. Lazoff, I. Mitchell, S. Phillips, L. Rapkin, J. Steinberg; also M. Seidman. Rabbi S. Shoham is advisor. Synagogue president is Sydney Phillips.

● PIONEER WOMEN ●

Council executive met at the home of Mrs. M. Kravitz, Canadian vice-president. Mrs. S. Blanshay, Council chairman presided. Dr. Sarah Gaulan, emissary from the Working Women's Council in Israel, was a guest. Dimona group Chinese auction is on April 14, at 8:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. P. Pinkus, 695 Brunet Street. Kosher Chinese food will be served. Mrs. A. Greenspoon is convener; Mrs. J. Palevsky, Club chairman. Proceeds are for Israel. Every one is invited. Pinsker Gvat Club met at the home of Mrs. M. Wax, 4250 City Hall Avenue. $50 was given for the trip to Israel by Mrs. D. Boyer. Mrs. J. Green gave a donation of $5.00. $167 was raised. Israeli products were sold by the convener, Mrs. M. Teitlebaum, gave a Purim reading from Sholeim Aleichem. Mrs. H. Marvin, chairman, presided.

● UNITED ZIONIST COUNCIL OF CANADA ●

Israeli farmers have invited Canadian farmers to be their personal guests for a free week on Israeli farms, immediately prior or following the International Farmers Convention which is being held in Israel until April 16, sponsored by the Israel Ministry of Agriculture, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Technion Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, all farmers' organizations in Israel to mark the finale of the tenth anniversary of the State of Israel. The meeting is of special interest to agronomists, veterinarians, sheep-breeders, soil and water conservationists, land settlement experts from all over the world. Canadians are seeing what Israel does in soil and water conservation, contour farming, kibbutz or communal settlement, the moshav or cooperative, the kfar or village of privately-owned farms, and visit Biblical and historic sites.

● JEWISH CONVALESCENT HOME ●

Of Montreal, Inc.; met at 287 Villeneuve Street West. A former member, Mrs. L. Cohen, now of Providence, Rhode Island, who came to visit and gave a donation. Get well wishes were extended to Mrs. S. Levine. Donations were from: Mrs. I. Romoin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Etcovitch, Mrs. C. Belanger. The raffle was won by Mrs. A. Chernofsky. The hostess was Mrs. R. Cohen. Mesdames J. Goldwasser, president; H. Levine, S. Kippis, E. Nadler took part.

● BNEI AKIVA ●

Religious Pioneer Youth Movement of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, will work with Eliyahu Bar Chama, youth leader, who is here from Israel, to expand the work. Mr. Bar Chama, a member in Israel since his early youth, has been an organizer there, having settled in Kibbutz Ein Tsurim in the Hebron Hills. During the War of Liberation, he was in Gush Etzion in connection with P.O.W.; was in charge of convoys travelling from Jerusalem to the Gush; liaison officer between his group and the Arabs; in charge of prisoners with the Red Cross and the Arab Legion. He is now a Captain in the Israeli Army. Mr. Bar Chama was in charge of Kfar Hanoar Hadati, a religious youth village; worked in the Government Religious Schools in Haifa where he was head of Bnei Akiva. He is married and has three children. Bnei Akiva is at 6402 Park Avenue, Montreal; 86 Vaughan Road, Toronto. The Montreal executive is: Pnina Lewittes, Zev Litenatsky, Nissen Plotkin, Mordechai Vachman, Shmaryahu Shtern, Rivka Hopkovic, Raisel Litenatsky, Julians Schwartz, Yossie Roth.

● YOUNG ISRAEL ●

Of Val Royal, Irving Rosner, Rabbi: Services, Friday, 5:45 P.M.; Saturday, 8:45 A.M. Mincha and Sholosh Seudos, 5:45 P.M.; Sunday, 8:45 A.M. on April 12, a Junior variety show will be directed by: Mesdames Ennice Weitelman, Jack Marcovitch, Sylvia Zeigler; also Sender Gandell. On April 11 the First annual Youth Sabbath will be conducted by the teen-agers who will also be honored for Sabbath attendance. Certificates of merit will be presented by the president, Sam. Gandell and Gifts will be given by the religious committee chairman, Julius Orbaum, Rubin Kurtzman, David Gandell, Mark Samuel, Stanley Rosenberg, Bert Tendler, Billy Fish. Sisterhood meeting, on April 16, will see the Seder table displayed by Mrs. Irving Rosner. Hebrew school pupils will chant the "Four Questions" and sing Passover songs. There will be a demonstration of Passover delicacies and traditional foods. Reservations for community seder, on the second night of Passover, will be accepted until April 12 only. Call RI 7-8171, Mr. Orbaum; or the Rabbi, RI 7-6465.

● PYTHIAN SISTERS ●

Calanthe Temple Number One business meeting, on April 15, at 8.00 p.m., at 4605 Mackenzie Street, will have as guest speaker Archie Deskin, director of the Jewish Old People's Home. Mrs. I. Dubrofsky is president. Damon Temple will visit Forward House, 4881 Sherbrooke Street West, on Monday, April 13. All members are requested to attend. At a children's movie on Sunday, April 12, at 1.30 and 3.30 p.m., at the Histadrut Building, there will be free gifts. Conveners are Mesdames O. Schwartzman and O. Hollinger.

● JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE ●

Annual meeting at 8 p.m., on April 14, at the Snowdon Y.M.-Y.W.H.A., will present: "Educational And Vocational Guidance, Every Parent's Responsibility", a panel discussion by: Miss Agnes Matthews, principal of St. George's School; Dr. Nathan Epstein, of the Jewish General Hospital; Ian D. Martyn, of Du Pont of Canada Ltd. Dr. Alfred Feintuch, executive director, will act as moderator. This agency of the Federation of Jewish Community Services, carries on employment service, vocational counselling; operates a sheltered workshop. Every one is welcome.

● ADATH ISRAEL ●

Synagogue, Charles Bender, Rabbi: Melvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abracen, 625 Dorais Street, will be called to the Reading of the Torah, on April 11, 1959, in celebration of his Bar Mitzvah. On April 12, a Men's Club model Seder after Breakfast will hear Rabbi Bender interpret the origin of the laws and customs pertaining to Passover. A special Seder table will be laid. Pupils of the School will sing Hebrew songs.

● CHEVRA KADISHA-BNAI JACOB ●

Synagogue, David Roth, Rabbi: Avrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Costin, 4900 Plamondon Avenue, will be called to the Reading of the Torah on April 11, the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah. The closing breakfast of the Brotherhood, on April 12, will hear a Passover institute conducted by Rabbi Roth. Mort Titleman is president. The Sisterhood meeting on April 15, at 1:30 p.m. will hear Mrs. Joseph Adler, executive director of the Hadassah Organization of Canada, as guest speaker. The Sisterhood will give their musical comedy, "Les Vybers", on April 16, at 8:00 p.m. Lawrence Goldstein, Allen Lederman, Sheldon Popliger were in Junior Congregation Services.

● HEBREW LADIES ●

Sick Benefit Society of Montreal: At a general meeting, hostesses were Mesdames R. Rosenberg, J. Snitzer and E. Turowetz. The raffle was donated by Mrs. R. Kimmel, and won by Mrs. R. Segal. Get well wishes were extended to Mesdames S. Andes, A. Shuster, M. Mabo, M. Reisler, N. Gurevitz, P. Cohen, F. Nudleman, R. Davis, R. Cohen and N. Lokai. Donations were received from Mrs. M. Moses, 4393 De Bullion Street, on the occasion of the engagement of Miss Beverly Kravitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kravitz, 642 Crevier Street, to her son, Allen Moses; Mrs. R. Cohen, 785 Wiseman Avenue, on the twelth birthday of her grandson, Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, 2475 Paton Street; Mrs. R. Davis, 785 Palmer Avenue, for the barmitzvah of her grandson, Allan, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Clayman, 5715 Palmer Avenue, who was called to the Reading of the Law, at Beth Zion Synagogue; and from Mrs. H. Bass, Glengarry Avenue. Congratulations were extended to Abraham Mislovitch, 2940 Brighton Avenue, who celebrated his eighty-first birthday on March 23. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Mislovitch, have two sons and two daughters-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mislovitch, 3766 Dupuis Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Max Mislovitch, 4020 Decarie Boulevard; two sons-in-law and two daughters; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turowetz (Esther), 5352 Coolbrook Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silverman (Ray), 5218 Casgrain Street; thirty grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silverman (nee Ray Mislovitch), 5218 Casgrain Street, who celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. They have a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Silverman, Hudson Road; a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Pecker (nee Ida Silverman), Goyer Avenue; and two grandchildren, Morris and Lorne Pecker. At a social evening, hostesses were: Mrs. N. A. Plotkin, 4375 La Peltrie Street; and her sister, Mrs. I. Antecol, 6060 Macdonald Avenue. New membership drive is on; for information, call Mesdames A. Plotkin, VI. 2-8950; R. Dolman, CR. 7-1843; R. Rosenberg, RE. 8-4520; E. Turowetz, HU. 4-3054 or J. Snitzer, CR. 2-7038.

● TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM ●

Paul Liner, Rabbi: Services, April 10, at 8:15 P.M.; sermon: "Venture With Ideas." Last week Mrs. Herbert Steinberg, Fred Esterson, Hirschel C. Samit, Harry Rapkin, Harry Segal, Gerry G. Hamberg took part. On April 12, Jonathan Wolfe will be the speaker to the Breakfast Club at 10:15 P.M. On April 14, at 7:00 P.M., the Brotherhood dinner meeting will have Rabbi Jacob P. Rudin, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, as guest speaker, on "Reform Judaism In Our Day."

● SHAARE ZION ●

Synagogue, M. S. Cohen, Rabbi: Sisterhood celebrated the Purim Festival, at a Purim Tea, Mrs. H. R. Held, vice-president, in charge of fund raising, led the responsive reading, taken from the historical work of the late Rabbi Isadore Singer. Seated at the head table were Mesdames Maurice S. Cohen, C. R. Gross, I. Shapera, M. Gross, D. Cummings, Barney Cohen, Solomon Gisser, H. R. Held, Morton Cohen, George Berenbaum, Ruby Kanigsberg, Sol Levin, and Clifford Shapiro. Mrs. Sidney Schwartz, president, spoke. Acknowledgments and announcements were made by Mrs. William Guss, for the Golden Book; Mrs. David Gross, for the Gift Shop; Mrs. N. Roskies, for the Book Shop. Mrs. George Shubin was thanked for her piano renditions.

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Dated at Montreal this 18th day of March, 1959.

David A. Schwartz,
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Social Notes — Toronto

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kahane, 771 Lawrence Avenue West, spent their wedding trip at the Castle Harbour Hotel, in Bermuda. Mrs. Kahane is the former Miss Ruth Ginsberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Ginsberg, 309 Rosemary Road. Mr. Kahane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kahane, 121 Brighton Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gorenstein, 741 Briar Hill Avenue, were in New York for a week where they were present at the wedding of his nephew, Sheldon Lifshen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lifshen, to Miss Barbara Goldstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moe Goldstein, all of New York, at the Paradise Manor, in New York.

Leonard J. Simpson, 61 Munro Boulevard, is at the Hollywood Beach Hotel, in Hollywood, Florida.

Miss Elaine Riff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Riff, 10 Saranac Boulevard, whose marriage to Raymond Markus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Markus, 445 Oriole Parkway, takes place on Monday, June 8, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, was guest of honour at a luncheon, at the Park Plaza Hotel, given by Mrs. Markus. One hundred and twenty-six guests were received. All the tables were decorated with arrangements of pink and white spring flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Seligman, 63 Castlefield Avenue, were in Montreal, Que., for the marriage of Miss Norma Minette Kussner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kussner, 4830 Cedar Crescent, to Joseph Hazan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hazan, of Beirut, Lebanon, at the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel.

Isidore Kanner, 40 Follis Avenue, was in Montreal, Que.; for the bar-mitzvah of his nephew, Hyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kanner, 8232 Birnam Avenue, who was called to the Reading of the Law, at Beth Aaron Synagogue.

Mrs. M. Druker and son Ian, 27 Yeoman's Road, returned by train, after spending a week on holiday in Montreal, Quebec, visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Aaron, 3920 St. Kevin Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Yack, and children, Ann and Fred, formerly of 15 Winnett Avenue, have taken up new residence at 365 Roselawn Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Arthurs, 18 Glenayr Road, spent several days in New York.

Morton Adler, 276 Benson Avenue, was in Montreal, Que., for the spring holidays, where he visited with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Adler, 5752 Mountain Sights Avenue; brothers-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. S. Abramovitch, 5752 Mountain Sights Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. M. Stubina, and children, Marvin Stubina, and Miss Laura Stubina, 11871, Suzor Cote; brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Adler, and son, Norman, 6110 Trans Island Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. M. Adler, and family, Geraldine, Jacqueline, Barbara, and Donald, 8241 Pie IX Boulevard; Saul Erlich, 555 Brunet Street, a cousin; Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Ptack, uncle and aunt, and daughter, Miss Carol Ptack, 6156 Macdonald Avenue; Mrs. Ben. Ross, an aunt, 391 St. Joseph Boulevard West; I. Mosco, uncle, Grenier Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Oliver, and son, Bernard, 2215 Charles Gill Street; Mr. and Mrs. K. Alexander and daughters, Rena and Robin, 3365 Goyer Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Silcoff, 5155 Park Avenue.

Myron Winnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Winnick, 37 Collinson Boulevard, was called to the Reading of the Law in celebration of his bar-mitzvah, at Pride of Israel Temple. He is the brother of Rochelle, aged four years; grandson of Mrs. Ann Alexson, 118 Grange Avenue, and the late Max Alexson; and of Mrs. Millie Winnick, 108 Markham Street, and the late Phillip Winnick; great-grandson of N. Alexson, 30 Henry Street. At a dinner the following evening one hundred and seventy-five guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Winnick and Gadel Sheloza, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, uncle of the bar-mitzvah boy. Mrs. Winnick wore a brown chiffon dress, made with a straight skirt and a floating panel in back. Seated at the head table with Myron Winnick were his cousins and friends. The table was adorned with two bouquets of vari-coloured spring flowers; and a birthday cake. Myron was master of ceremonies. Here for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. B. Butter, Mrs. Toby Rubinsky, Albert Roden, all of Bronx, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Freidenreich and daughters, Marian and Reni, of Queens, N. Y., all cousins of the bar-mitzvah boy; and Mr. and Mrs. M. Dressler, of Hamilton, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gorenstein, 741 Briar Hill Avenue, entertained at a dinner party at their home, for his brothers and sisters-in-law: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gorenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gorenstein, Samuel Gorenstein; and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Raber, all of Winnipeg, Man., who were en route home from New York where they were present at the wedding there of their nephew, Sheldon Lifshen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lifshen, to Miss Barbara Goldstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moe Goldstein, all of New York. Also present were: Frayda, aged seven and one-half years; Joseph, four and one-half; and Laya, three and one-half; children of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gorenstein. Their son, Lyall, aged three months, was not present. Following the dinner, a party was held for forty guests, among whom, Mrs. Gertrude Goldstein, mother of the hostess; the brothers-in-law and sisters of the hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mitgang, of Kitchener, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Appleby, and Mrs. Rose Ticktin; her brothers and sisters-in-law: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Goldstein; her uncles and aunts: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Fine and son, Jules Fine; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fine; and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fine; and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fine. The sweet table was adorned with yellow daffodils, red tulips and roses, and white carnations.

Miss Norma Blitstein, the fiancee of David Wright, of Hamilton, Ontario, whose marriage takes place on Sunday, May 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Bernholtz, 4 Strathearn Road, Toronto, was guest of honour at a luncheon given by Mrs. J. Miraky, 4 Burnside Drive, with eighteen guests present; dinner party, given by Mr. and Mrs. P. Wright, of Hamilton, Ontario, parents of the groom-elect, at their home, with fifteen guests present; miscellaneous shower, by Mrs. B. Storfer and Mrs. H. Trachter, at the latter's home, 50 Braemore Gardens, with ninety guests present; kitchen shower, by Mrs. S. Ross, 879 Bedford Park Avenue, at her home, with twenty-two guests present; dinner party, by Mr. and Mrs. David Bernholtz, 4 Strathearn Road, at their home, with eighteen guests present; personal shower, by Mrs. H. Kofman and Mrs. S. Wasserman, at the latter's home, 60 DeQuincy Boulevard, with seventeen guests present; china shower, by Mrs. A. Fine and Mrs. J. Blitstein, aunts of the bride-elect, at the latter's home, 318 Glenholme Avenue, with thirty-five guests present; dinner party, by Mr. and Mrs. J. Levine, of Hamilton, Ontario, sister and brother-in-law of the groom-elect, at their home, with thirty guests present; dinner party, by Mr. and Mrs. M. Walters, of St. Catharine's, Ontario, cousins of the bride-elect, at their home, with thirty guests present; and an evening, by Mr. and Mrs. William Green, 831 Wilson Avenue, at their home, with ten guests present.

Miss Eleanor Goldstein, daughter of Rueben Goldstein, 219 Palmerston Avenue, and the late Mrs. Anne Goldstein, and the fiancee of Izzie Rosen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rosen, 45 Dell Park Avenue, was the guest of honour at a shower, with two-hundred guests, given by: Mesdames Louis Rosen, mother of the groom-elect; A. Rosen, 191 Major Street, his aunt; Jack Rosen, 80 Marmion Avenue, his sister-in-law. Benjamin Leslie, aunt of the bride-elect; and S. Weinberg, her grandmother, both of 40 Orchard Crescent. Mrs. Rosen, mother of the groom-elect, wore a blue silk dress, with a straight skirt caught in back with two floating panels, and rhinestone trimming on the bodice; with a corsage of pink roses. Mrs. A. Rosen, wore a moss-green shantung sheath, with a pleated bodice and matching sash which formed two panels; and had a corsage of red roses. Mrs. Jack Rosen wore a dress of white lace over rose-coloured satin, made with a matching satin sash which formed a bow in back; full skirt; and round neckline; and had a corsage of white and pink roses. Mrs. Leslie wore a turquoise-blue crepe sheath, made with a draped skirt caught to one side, and V-neckline; with a corsage of pink roses. Mrs. Weinberg wore a navy-blue silk sheath, with three-quarter-length sleeves; and had a corsage of yellow roses. Miss Eleanor Goldstein, the bride-to-be, wore a shocking-pink, silk organza dress, made with a full harem skirt; and sweetheart neckline; and had a white orchid corsage. Seated at the table with the above family members were: Janice Rosen, aged five years, daughter of Mrs. Jack Rosen, a hostess; Mrs. Bernard Goldstein and Mrs. Henry Goldstein, sisters-in-law of the bride-elect; and Miss Irene Goldstein, her sister. The head table was adorned with a centerpiece of vari-coloured gladioli, chrysanthemums, carnations, roses, and snapdragons, with pink tapers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mandel, 442 Markham Street, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at a dinner, at Zuchter's Restaurant. With them were their son-in-law and daughters: Mrs. Rose Bornstein, 27 Braemore Gardens; Mrs. and Mrs. Samuel Mandel (Anne), 11 Hawarden Crescent; their sons and daughters-in-law: Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Mandel, 249 Euclid Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mandel, 164 Waterloo Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis (Libe) Mandel, 111 Ava Road; eleven grandchildren: Irving and Benjamin Bornstein; Allan and Beatrice, children of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Mandel; Bernard Mandel and Mrs. Jerry Morris (René), children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mandel; Doreen and Jerry, children of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mandel; Mark, Ricky, and Shanee, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mandel; seven great-grandchildren: Joel, Linda, Shmeil, and Marcia, children of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bornstein; Janice and Samuel, children of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bornstein; and Stacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Morris. Unable to be present were Marvin Bornstein, of New York, a grandson; and their great-grandson, Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bornstein, who was ill. At a reception at the home of their youngest son, Lewis Mandel, and Mrs. Mandel, 111 Ava Road, for seventy-five friends and relatives, Mrs. Mandel, the honoured guest, wore a teal blue brocaded dress, with a matching jacket; and had a corsage of white orchids. Among the guest present was Mrs. Mandel's brother, Hyman Stern, 258 Major Street. In the telegrams of congratulations received, one was from Prime Minister John Diefenbaker; and one from The Hon. Lester B. Pearson. The buffet table decoration was of white gladioli, sprayed with silver tips, and centered with a silver-coloured numeral, sixty; and a white anniversary cake trimmed with silver-coloured horseshoes and silver-tinted leaves.

Miss Marie Fine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Fine, 17 Chiltern Hill Road, whose marriage to Samuel Rubin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rubin, of Moncton, N.B., takes place on Monday, June 15, at Beth Sholom Synagogue, was guest of honour at a luncheon at Zuchter's Starlight Room, with ninety guests, given by her mother. Receiving with her were: Mrs. Joseph Winer, 540 Bedford Park Avenue; Miss Dorothy Rubin, 1401 Eglinton Avenue West; and Miss Gladys Rubin, 4865 Queen Mary Road, Montreal, Que.; all sisters of the groom-elect; Mesdames Louis Lanys, 179 Overbrook Place; Sidney Fisher, 1022 Briar Hill Avenue; and Morris Weldman, 136 Kennard Avenue, all sisters of the bride-elect. Mrs. Fine wore a light blue, peau de soie sheath, with a draped bodice; and had a corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. Winer wore an olive-green, silk shantung sheath, with a matching waist-length jacket; and her flowers were a yellow and white carnation wristlet. Miss Dorothy Rubin wore a black and white silk print dress, with a large white collar and a straight skirt; and had a wrist bouquet of pink and white carnations. Miss Gladys Rubin wore a black and white silk sheath, with a short black jacket; and had a wrist bouquet of pink and white carnations. Mrs. Lanys wore a black sheath, made with a Chantilly lace skirt and illusion chiffon over a Chantilly lace bodice; with a wrist bouquet of pink carnations. Mrs. Fisher wore a pink sheath, made with a Chantilly lace bodice, and a silk organza skirt; with a wristlet of pink carnations. Mrs. Weldman, wore a two-piece, apple-green, corded dress, styled with a long-sleeved jacket, with a V-neckline, and large white buttons, and a straight skirt; and a wrist bouquet of white carnations. Miss Marie Fine, the bride-to-be wore a white, peau de soie dress, hand-embroidered with pink rosettes; and a black chiffon cummerbund; with a wrist bouquet of white gardenias. Seated at the head table were the above family members. The table centerpiece was composed of pink and white spring flowers and pink tapers arranged on a pink, linen, table cloth. Here for the occasion were: Mrs. Frank Gishman, of Peterborough, Ont.; Mrs. William Wallack, of Buffalo, N. Y.; and Mrs. Louis Milgram, of Hamilton, Ont., all cousins of the bride-elect.

BAR-MITZVAHS

Ronald Elliot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carr, 41 Frontenac Avenue, will be called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah, on April 11, at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. He is the brother of Judy, aged fifteen and one-half years; and Steven, fourteen; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Zener, 2550 Bathurst; and of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carr, 59 Clovelly Avenue; great-grandson of Mrs. B. Zener. Kiddush will be observed. A dinner and reception will take place the following evening at the Barclay Hotel.

Herbert Sheldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Swadron, 36 Roseneath Gardens, will be called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah, on May 2, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. He is the brother of Marion, aged eleven years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. Caplan, 193 Palmerston Avenue; and of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Swadron.

Neil Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Gold, 12 Old Park Road, will be called to the Reading of the Law in celebration of his bar-mitzvah, on May 2, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. He is the brother of Mrs. Lawrence Fine (Beverly), Wilson Avenue; and Miss Cecille Gold.

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TORONTO MEETINGS

• HABONIM CONGREGATION •

The president is George Spitz. The annual bazaar is on April 11, is at 330 Lippincott Street, from 4.30 to 12.00 p.m., convened by Hugo Lobel. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

• INTER-SORORITY COUNCIL •

annual ball, "dance of hearts", at 9.00 p.m., April 11, at the Roof Gardens of the Royal York Hotel, will aid the Ontario Heart Foundation. The center of the dance floor will be decorated with a large heart representing the Heart Fund. Miss Barbara Cohen, chairman of the Council, is dance chairman, with: Misses Judith Goldoff, Sharon Maldaver, Elaine Gross, Leslie Shore, Francine Wise. The Council is composed of these North York chartered sororities: Delta Psi, Sigma Theta Pi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Iota, and Alpha Lambda Phi.

• HEBREW DAY SCHOOL •

Parents Association symposium at the meeting on April 14, at 8.30 p.m., at North Bathurst Talmud Torah Synagogue, will be on the theme, "What Price Jewish Education?" Dr. L. Jacober, principal of the Hebrew department, will speak from the religious point of view; Mrs. Gittel Gordon, a former teacher, on parents' stand on religion; David Taube, principal of North Bathurst branch, from the Zionist view; Harris Gulko, executive director of Jewish National Fund, from the nationalistic. The moderator will be Harold Dessen. Mrs. J. Bornstein is president. A question and answer period; refreshments.

• CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS •

On May 3, a memorial event will pay tribute to the Jewish martyrs who perished during World War II and to the heroic fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto who, 16 years ago, put up their courageous fight against Nazi oppression and atrocity, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, at 7.30 p.m., sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Polish Jews, the Congress, and the Yiddish Culture Council. The chairman will be Dr. Samuel B. Hurwich. Pupils of the Jewish schools will light the candles. The guest speaker will be Abraham Sutskever, the writer, who fought against the Nazis as a partisan in the forests of Lithuania. He is now a resident of Israel. His visit here is at the initiative of the Congress and a number of Jewish organizations. Cantor Harry Wahrman, of Beth Sholom Synagogue, will recite a chapter from the Psalms and Cantor Nathan Adler, of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, the mourning prayer, "El Moleh Rachamim". Rabbi A. A. Price, of Yeshiva Torath Chaim, and Dr. Walter Wurzburger, Rabbi, of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, will speak; also, on behalf of the Canadian Federation of Polish Jews, John J. Glass. Excerpts from the notes of the famous historian of the Warsaw Ghetto, Dr. Emanuel Ringelblum, will be read by one of the pupils of the Mittelshule. All are invited.

• BNAI BRITH WOMEN •

Upper Canada Chapter installation saw these officers installed by Mrs. Phillip Bloom: Mesdames Emmanuel Constam, incoming president; Harold Goldstein, Samuel Ovens, Henry Greenberg, Ben Estrin, Saul Goldberg, J. Zippin, Benjamin Pelman, Joseph Foster, Gordon Horowitz, S. Shepard; and the trustees: Mesdames S. Spring, A. Eknovitz, F. Colomby.

• BETH TZEDEC •

Synagogue, Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg, Rabbi: The annual congregational dinner had Albert Shifrin, Q. C., president, as chairman. He gave a toast to the Queen and to Premier Ben-Gurion of the State of Israel. Rabbi Michael Celniker asked the blessing. Rabbi Rosenberg spoke. Mr. Shifrin honoured J. Irving Oelbaum, immediate past-president of the Synagogue, with a plaque on behalf of the congregation for his work as president for the past three years. Mr. Oelbaum responded. Purim entertainment, presented with Irving Rosen as master of ceremonies, was: songs by the Men's Glee Club conducted by Cantor Joseph Cooper, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Joan Lee; a parody by Irving Cooper; Yiddish songs, by Mrs. Evelyn Pasen Dorfman, accompanied by Mrs. Hillel Diamond (Tova) at the piano; a Hasaidic tale, "Seven Golden Buttons", by the Sisterhood Choral Group, directed by Gordon Kushner, with accompaniment by Mrs. Ruth Cooper. Seated at the head table were: Rabbi and Mrs. Stuart E. Rosenberg; Rabbi Michael Celniker, assistant to the Rabbi, and Mrs. Celniker; Cantor Joseph Cooper and Mrs. Cooper; Bert Godfrey, honourary president, and Mrs. Godfrey; Mr. and Mrs. J. Barney Goldhar, Dr. and Mrs. Murray L. Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shifrin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Irving Oelbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Myer L. Axler, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Levinne, Mr. and Mrs. Irving D. Wintrob, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Klebanoff, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan O. Hurwich. Myer L. Axler was chairman of the planning committee for the dinner; with Mrs. Herman Klebanoff, Mrs. H. Kalles, Sidney Sugarman, Harold Minden, Louis L. Smith, Nathan O. Hurwich, Albert Shifrin, president; Morris B. Kaufman, chairman of the Board; Eli I. Shapiro, vice-president; Dr. Nathan Levinne, Al. Ginsberg, Dr. Murray L. Simon, J. Barney Goldhar, Irving D. Wintrob, Morris Stein, and Gordon Kushner, musical director.

• TORONTO HEBREW •

Free School, Women's Auxiliary annual tea on Wednesday June 17, at the Town House from 1 to 5 p.m., will raise funds towards the purchase of a school bus. Mrs. O. Rosenfeld is president.

• MOZIRER LADIES •

Auxiliary charity tea was at the home of Mrs. M. Erenberg, 240 Viewmount Avenue. Mrs. S. Jaeger is chairman; Mrs. A. Layefsky, vice-chairman. Those who poured the beverages were: Mesdames M. Greenspoon, H. Stein, A. Layefsky, A. Urowitz and S. Goldman. The tea table was decorated with a bouquet of spring flowers.

• UNITED JEWISH PEOPLES' •

Order, Women's Council spring tea will be at the home of Mrs. J. Betel, 33 York Downs Drive, on Sunday, April 12, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., convened by Mrs. J. Brown and Mrs. M. Biderman. Mrs. Samuel Harris is president. The hostesses will be: Mesdames J. Betel, M. Mandel, M. Freedman, J. Silbert, S. Cavalier, and B. Shockett. Proceeds will aid the Yiskor Hall, one of the buildings planned for the Ghetto Fighters' House Project in Israel.

• BETH AM SYNAGOGUE •

Rabbi Shammai Kanter: Sisterhood donor dinner will be held on Monday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m., at the Synagogue Social Hall, convened by Mrs. Sidney Green and Mrs. Jack Drescher. Seated at the head table will be: Rabbi and Mrs. Kanter; Cantor and Mrs. Nathan Liberman, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Green, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drescher, William Dunn, president, and Mrs. Dunn; and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shour, Sisterhood and Brotherhood presidents. A musical revue, written by Mrs. Sidney Green and Mrs. David Lewis, and directed by Mrs. Lewis, will have: Mesdames Benjamin Atkins, Robert Bell, H. Devorah, Al. Davidson, Samuel Freedman, Jack Freedman, H. Hartsman, David Isaacs, Murray Kadis, David Kates, H. Kertzer, Jack Lottman, Benjamin Lustig, Herbert Planner, Joseph Pollack, Samuel Price, Louis Spring, and Harvey Zimberg. The colour scheme will be pink and red.

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DEATHS

Grand Rabbi Moses Langner, known as the Strettiner Rebbe, 42 Cecil Street, died on Sunday, March 22, after a lengthy illness at his home, at the age of eighty-two years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Yochanan Twersky Langner, formerly of Montreal, Quebec; three sons: Rabbi Solomon Langner, Brunswick Avenue; Rabbi Abraham Langner, Manning Avenue; and Rabbi Isaac Langner, D'Arcy Street; and two daughters: Mrs. Sarah Flam, of Montreal; and Mrs. J. Twersky (Pearl), of Jerusalem, Israel. He was the father of the late Rabbi Mordechai Langner. Funeral services took place at his synagogue, Chevra Mishnais, Huron and Cecil Streets, attended by over one thousand people. Eulogies were given by his sons and local rabbis. Interment was at Chevra Mishnais Cemetery. Shiva was at the home. Rabbi Moses Langner was the son of the late Grand Rabbi Yehudah Zvi Langner, of Strettin, Poland, a widely-known Chassidic Rabbi, whose followers settled in the Toronto area in the early 1900's. Chassidism, a Jewish religious movement, was founded in the mid-eighteenth century by the B'aal Shem Tov whose philosophy was spread by his pupils among the Jewish masses and became popular throughout Europe. Grand Rabbi Moses Langner was a descendant of one of the first pupils and the tradition of leadership was handed down from father to son. He left Poland in 1921 to settle in Toronto among his adherents and upon his arrival Chevra Mishnais Synagogue was founded. He was the first Chassidic Rabbi to settle in Canada.

Julius Cecil Zacks, 240 Oriole Parkway, formerly of Montreal, Que., aged seventy years, died suddenly while on vacation in Miami Beach, Florida, on Saturday, April 4. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillian Ressler Zacks; a daughter, Mrs. Earle M. Pullan (Vivian), 92 Coldstream Avenue; two brothers: Moses, of Miami Beach, Florida, and Toronto; Samuel J., 10 Benvenuto Place; two sisters: Mrs. Joseph Lewis (Minnie), 96 Dunvegan Road; Mrs. Joseph Newman (Celia), 118 Chiltern Hill Road; three grandchildren: Wendy, Robert and Diane Pullan. Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg officiated at funeral services at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Interment was at Beth Tzedec Cemetery. Shiva was at home. In lieu of shiva gifts, donations should be given to the Jewish National Fund.

Mrs. Rebecca Rosen, 26 Albany Avenue, died on Friday, March 27, at her home, at the age of seventy-seven years. She is survived by her husband, Samuel Rosen; four sons: David, 4089 Bathurst Street; Harry, of Springfield, Mass.; Goodwin (Goody) 479 Glencairn Avenue; William, of Springfield, Mass.; three daughters: Mrs. Harry Jacobs (Jean), of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Jack Glazer (Fay), of Simcoe, Ont.; Mrs. Harold Goldstein (Ruth), 71 Highland Hill; a brother, Isadore Simpson, 7765 Birnam Avenue, Montreal, Que.; seventeen grandchildren: Mrs. N. Garfinkel (Mildred), Sidney, and Miss Sylvia Jacobs, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacobs; Marvin, Bryna, and Ruth Glazer; Frances and Jules Goldstein; Susan and Dena, children of Mr. and Mrs. David Rosen; Mrs. S. Baumgarten (Sylvia), of Far Rockaway, N. Y.; Louis and Dena Rosen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosen; Cecille and Jack, children of Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin Rosen; Jacqueline and Marilyn, children of Mr. and Mrs. William Rosen; and six great-grandchildren: Arlene and Sheryl Garfinkel; Howard and Marla Jacobs; and Douglas and Frederick Baumgarten. Mrs. Rebecca Rosen was the sister of the late Moses Simpson, of Toronto. Rabbi David Monson, assisted by Cantor Alexander Steinberg, officiated at funeral services at Park Memorial Chapel. Interment was at Beth Tzedec Cemetery. Shiva was at the home.

Daniel Snider, 79 Bude Street, died suddenly on Wednesday, March 25, at New Mount Sinai Hospital, at the age of thirty-seven years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hilda Solish Snider; and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Snider, 79 Earlsdale Avenue. Rabbi Benjamin Hauer officiated at funeral services at Park Memorial Chapel. Interment was at Mount Sinai Memorial Park. Shiva was at 79 Earlsdale Avenue, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Snider.

Izzie Finstein, 191 Dunblain Avenue, died on Wednesday, March 25, at Toronto Western Hospital, at the age of seventy years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Finstein; a son, Albert, 191 Dunblain Avenue; two daughters: Miss Sarah Finstein, 191 Dunblain Avenue; and Mrs. Morris Siegel (Dora), 85 Acton Avenue; three grandchildren: Penny Siegel; and Pearl and Jeffrey Finstein. Rabbi Erwin Schild officiated at funeral services at Park Memorial Chapel. Interment was at Adath Israel Cemetery. Shiva was at home.

BIRTHS

Born, to Rabbi and Mrs. Benjamin Hauer (nee Miriam Weiss), 217 Borden Street, on March 24, at New Mount Sinai Hospital; a daughter, Gittelle; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weiss, of Tel Aviv, Israel; and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Hauer, of Grosavarbein, Roumania.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Volpe (nee Ruth Pullan), 10 Abinger Crescent, on March 21, at St. Joseph's Hospital, a son, Edward James; brother of Catherine Lillian, aged seven years; Elizabeth Ann, five and one-half; Dorothy Barbara, four; and Peter George, one; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pullan, 21 Edgewood Crescent; and of Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Volpe, 503 Markham Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adler (nee Jacqueline Ungar), 236 Ashlar Road, on April 1, at the Branson Hospital, a son, Derek Saul; brother of Simon, aged seven years; and Mark, four; grandson of Mrs. Fay Adler; and of Mr. and Mrs. I. Ungar, of London, England.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Lampert (nee Lorraine Starkman), 568 Lawrence Avenue West, on February 26, at New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Glenda Ellen; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lampert, 1112 Bloor Street West; and of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Starkman, 91 Rivercrest Road.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Tishler (nee Sheila Green), 50 Meadowbrook Road, on March 22, at New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Pamela Ellen; sister of Jeffrey, aged one and one-half years; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lipa Green, 14 Majestic Court; and of Mr. and Mrs. William Tishler, 105 Brookview Drive, great-granddaughter of Mrs. Sarah Dalkin, 128 D'Arcy Street; and of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tishler, of Winnipeg, Man.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David Fineberg (nee Shirley Steinberg), 32 Forest Ridge Drive, on March 31, at New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Mona Reva; sister of Gail, aged eleven years; and Gary, seven; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Steinberg, 610 Dufferin Street; and of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fineberg, 64 Latimer Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Myer Shelson (nee Ann Taub), 31 Palm Drive, on March 24, at New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Saimi Heather; sister of Jacqueline, aged twelve years; Barry, seven; and Monty, nine; granddaughter of Mrs. Gertrude Taub, 14 Inrermay Avenue; and of Mrs. Molly Shelson, 106 Kennard Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shore (nee Sheila Jacobs), 14 Corwin Crescent, on March 26, at Toronto Western Hospital, a daughter, Risa Susette; sister of Sari; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Jacobs, 14 Corwin Crescent; and of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shore, 263 Haddington Avenue; great-granddaughter of Mr. Max Heiber, 21 Rosseau Road; and of Mrs. Riva Berkun, 263 Haddington Avenue.

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The engagement of Miss Norma Blitstein, daughter of Mrs. Mania Blitstein, 440 Winnett Avenue, and the late Barry Blitstein, to David Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wright, of Hamilton, Ontario, is announced. The wedding will take place on Sunday, May 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Barnholtz, 4 Strathearn Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cohen, 172 Cocksfield Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ida Cohen, to Morris Rotman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rotman, 128 Major Street.

The engagement of Miss Eleanor Goldstein, daughter of Reuben Goldstein, 219 Palmerston Avenue, and the late Mrs. Anne Goldstein, to Izzie Rosen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rosen, 45 Dell Park Avenue, is announced. The marriage will take place on Thursday, June 4, at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schatz, 14 Marquette Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Fraida Schatz, to Allan Edelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Edelson, of New York. The wedding will take place on September 6, at North Bathurst Talmud Torah Synagogue.

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Are They Jews Or Not?

BY RABBI JAY KAUFMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

Throughout his millenial history the Jew did not have to ask, "Who is a Jew?" He knew. The child born to a Jewish mother was a Jew. A non-Jew who earnestly solicited conversion and who underwent the ceremony of the *mikveh*, with *milah* as additional prerequisite for the male, and who agreed to observe the *mitzvot* became a full-fledged Jew.

But suddenly the State of Israel is in tortured conflict over the answer to the question, "Who is a Jew?" and the controversy is creating a serious threat to the unity of the Yishuv. Furthermore, the controversy has spilled over into the Diaspora Jewish communities, with ominous portent of bitter, irreconcilable strife.

The essence of the controversy centers upon the Registry of Population which the Israel government has maintained since 1949 recording pertinent data on each permanent resident. Some of this information is also carried on a personal Identity Card which, in a land of constant military strife and frequent enemy infiltration, is an indispensable aspect of national security. Among the several questions asked are three which are pertinent to this discussion. These inquire into the citizenship, religion, and nationality of each person.

In the answer to the first of these questions concerning citizenship there is no ambiguity: the answer obviously is "Israeli." The second question, which inquires into religion, is also answered with no difficulty. While many Americans would resent this question in any government document, it may be expected in a country that does not have complete separation of church and state. In accord with traditional Jewish law, children of Jewish mothers and bona fide converts, answer with the word "Jewish."

It is the third question, which inquires into the individual's *l'oom*, or "nationality," that has unleashed much of the conflict and confusion. The Israeli Jew also answers this question with the word "Jewish." But there are some Israeli citizens who are not Jews by religion, neither by birth nor conversion, but who live in Israel and are completely committed to the Jewish people. How are they to answer the question on nationality?

In a letter to a group of Jewish scholars whose opinion he is seeking, Mr. Ben-Gurion gave his answer: "The Government has decided that the religion or nationality of an adult shall be registered as 'Jewish' if he declares in good faith that he is a Jew and does not adhere to another religion."

It is not concerning the status of the adult that Mr. Ben-Gurion is soliciting the opinion of the scholars. For the Government this issue has been decided. The adults here referred to are, in large measure, the German and Polish women who hid Jews during the Nazi nightmare, at the peril of their own lives, and who later married the men they had successfully rescued and migrated with them to Israel. These couples now have children, and it is concerning these children that Mr. Ben-Gurion has asked the scholars whether in their opinion a special conversion exercise is necessary:

"(What of) children born of mixed marriages when the father is a Jew and the mother is not a Jewess and has not been converted, but both of them agree that the child should be registered as a Jew. The opinion has been expressed that since the Registry of Populations is a civil one and does not serve for religious purposes (the religious authorities are not obliged to be satisfied with it or to reply upon it and in general they are not prepared to do so), this registration should not be governed by purely religious criteria . . .

"If the mother and the father agree that the child shall be Jewish, should it be registered as Jewish on the basis of the expression of the desire of the parents and their declaration in good faith that the child does not belong to another religion, or is any further ceremony required, in addition to the agreement and the declaration of the parents for the child to be registered as a Jew?"

The Orthodox community in Israel and in the United States is, as might be expected, horrified and vehemently opposes the contention that an adult can become a Jew, either in the area of religion or nationality, through the simple process of self-declaration. It has been correctly pointed out that there never has been a distinction in Judaism between religion and nationality. The oft-quoted observation of Saadia Gaon that "we are a nation only by virtue of the Torah," has never been contradicted until this controversy challenged its basic contention. The Jewish people is the body, Judaism is the soul; there is no separate existence possible. Judaism is the constitution of the Jewish nation; one cannot exist without the other; there can be no separation of religion and nationality. So runs the Orthodox argument.

There is particular concern over the tragedies that will arise out of this confusion as when, for instance, a child of a non-Jewish mother, who has registered him on the Registry of Population as a Jew, seeks to marry. The list of the Chief Rabbinate will list him as a non-Jew. No rabbi will perform the ceremony and since there is no civil marriage in Israel such a person must convert, or forego marriage, or be involved in a humiliating common-law union. In the lands of the Diaspora the same agonizing discord may prevail.

Such a non-Jewish Israeli, who may consider himself a Jew, will not be accorded a Jewish marriage. Even in the United States there are almost no rabbis, whether Orthodox, Conservative, or Reform, who will sanctify a mixed marriage. While Reform rabbis do not demand immersion in water or circumcision, substituting for these ceremonies intense study and an emotional and ideological commitment, yet they, too, insist upon a formal conversion ceremony.

Orthodox leaders have beseeched the Ben-Gurion government to remove the question on nationality from the Population Register and the Identity Card. They point out that it is totally unnecessary and warn that its retention will bring about a chasm in Jewish life so broad and unbridgeable that our people will be divided into two diverse and hostile camps. The State of Israel will have created the breach in Jewish solidarity which all of the calumny and oppression of millenia could never effect.

The supporters of the government position, while not as fervid in their advocacy as the opposition, nevertheless see much merit in the inclusion of a separate category which enables "Jewish" non-Jews to identify themselves *de jure* with the Jewish people. Already, it is claimed, they are *de facto* members by virtue of their residence in Israel and their complete commitment to the cause of the Jewish people. Their children attend Israeli schools, speak Hebrew, revel in Jewish history, observe the festivals, and act as Jews in every way. What then makes a Jew, a conversion ceremony or his basic commitments and attitudes and patterns of life?

A Jew in contemporary Russia, born of a Jewish mother, who may never have been circumcised (circumcision is fairly infrequent even today in Russia), who has come to hate Jews, and despite their way of life, is still, according to Jewish law, regarded as a Jew. Another Jew may have been born of a Jewish mother and a Gentile father and may have been completely estranged from Jews and Judaism all his life, but he, too, is considered a Jew according to the Halacha. Yet an Israeli born to a Jewish father and non-Jewish mother, who speaks Hebrew, cherishes the Bible, is fully identified with his land and people, is not considered a Jew. Why? Because an ancient law decided that the religion of the child should be determined by the religion of the mother rather than the father? Cannot the law be changed?

In this discussion it is important to note an interesting parallel from the Jewish past. The non-Jewish resident of Israel in the days of the Second Commonwealth was accorded a special status not unlike that being advocated by the Israel Government. The non-Jew who did not wish to convert to Judaism but who refrained from the worship of other gods, as his modern counterpart must eschew the observance of a faith other than Judaism, became a *ger toshav* (sojourning proselyte).

This is not to be confused with the *ger tzedek* (righteous proselyte), the full convert to Judaism, nor is the *ger toshav* to be considered a semiproselyte; Judaism has never countenanced anything but full conversion. The *ger toshav* was not required to convert nor to worship the God of Israel, to observe the dietary laws, nor to undergo circumcision. He was an accepted member of the Jewish community in spite of his religious non-affiliation.

In this great controversy rising like a storm cloud out of Israel, what is to be the position of the American Jew? Is the threat to the Jewish pedigree sufficiently great to warrant a concerted attempt by American Jews to influence the Ben-Gurion government to abandon the policy of allowing for "Jews by self-declaration?" Would such influence be, as some American Jews will contend, undue interference in the "internal affairs of a foreign state?" Or is this tampering with the Jewish pedigree a matter involving all Jews within the religious community and thus not the exclusive concern of the Jews of Israel?

Will the American Jew accept into his family, as a Jew, an Israeli born of a non-Jewish mother, neither of whom has converted? Is Judaism to be regarded so lightly that it alone among all faiths is to accept members without some rite of initiation? Will the Orthodox community become reconciled to this new division in Jewish life or will the threatened split witness a cataclysmic ejection of a group from the mainstream of Jewish life as in the case of the Samaritans, Karaites, and Frankists?

The battle lines are being sharply drawn. "Non-Jewish" Jews now exist. What is their status? Are they Jews or not?

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J.D.C. Matzoth Brings Jews Together Around The World

BY CHARLES H. JORDAN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR OVERSEAS OPERATIONS OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

On Passover eve, when the Kiddush has been chanted and the preliminaries have been attended to, the master of the household settles himself comfortably and begins the reading of the Haggadah. "This is the bread of poverty," he commences, referring to the matzoth, and then goes on to invite to his feast those who are hungry, those who are in no position to provide for their own Seder feast. In a way this is a formality, though a gracious and a beautiful one. If, however, the master of the household is one of the great majority of American Jews who contribute regularly to the annual campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal, he can be assured that his deeds have helped provide a Seder feast for tens of thousands of Jews in all parts of the world.

As the agents of American Jewry, the Joint Distribution Committee has this year once again distributed to needy Jews in 25 countries the matzoth, the "bread of poverty", so-called, because it is made without leavening or shortening or seasoning, which from the beginning has been not only the prescribed bread for the Passover holiday but its major symbol. Again and again one reads that JDC has provided matzoth in this or that country — but it must be borne in mind that this usage is symbolic of much more. What the American Jew provides through JDC is the means for Jews in difficult circumstances to share, in every respect, in the traditional observance of the Passover.

Let us visit several countries and see who some of the guests at this year's Seder are.

Austria: A group of ultra-Orthodox Jews in a camp near Salzburg waiting for migration visas. They have made their own matzoth from special shmura flour, and are drinking special kosher wine, both provided by JDC. There will, no doubt, be a group of new immigrants in Vienna at that time, on their way to Israel. A kosher Seder will be provided for them, the first in more than ten years for many of them.

Spain and Portugal: A few hundred Jews left from the thousands who poured through the Iberian Peninsula seeking escape from the Nazis. Some few of them, the aged and ailing, are on the regular JDC rolls. The rest are not even known as Jews, but will come quietly to the JDC offices to get their matzoth for Passover and take them away wrapped in plain paper.

Poland: For the second year in succession there are matzoh available for every Jew in Poland. With the help of matzoh-baking machinery provided by JDC, the central Jewish religious body of Poland bakes matzoth for sale to those who can afford it. It is given free to those who cannot afford to pay, with JDC footing the bill, and the sale of matzoth is the largest single item in the income of the kehillah.

Moslem countries: The Jews in these countries are not partial to the type of matzoth preferred by Western Jews. They prefer their own traditional matzoth, softer and heavier than those baked by Ashkenazi Jews. JDC makes a special allowance to those on relief rolls in these countries for the purchase of matzoth.

A total of 248,050 pounds of matzoth has been shipped by JDC this year to Jews in every part of the world, even to countries where Passover must be observed almost in secret, as in earlier historical eras. And as the matzoh is eaten at the Seders, it ceases to be the "bread of poverty." It becomes rather a symbol of the fact that those who are isolated and afraid are not alone, that the Jews of the rest of the world are with them and think of them. It becomes a symbol of their eventual deliverance from hunger and poverty and illness and from fear of persecution.

Israel Bonds Strengthen Economic Foundations

BY IRA GUILDEN, U.S. CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN, STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

With the approach of Passover, our thoughts and our hearts are filled with the miracle of liberation of our people from the ancient yoke of Egyptian slavery. At the same time, we are vividly reminded that a large segment of the Jewish people are now coming out of Eastern Europe.

Fortunately, there is a State of Israel to which these emigrants can look with hope. Its gates are open to receive them, and they are streaming through these gates by the thousands. The people of Israel are making every sacrifice on their part to welcome the newcomers and start them on the road to a new life. It is a heroic task, but the severe strain on the economy of the State of Israel which this new wave of immigration poses may endanger the economic future of the country.

If we do not want these new immigrants to "wander in the wilderness" of temporary tin huts and shelters, with their skills unused through unemployment, then we must accept the challenge of history by investing more of our means in State of Israel Bonds. These are the vital financial resources required to assure the newcomers a future of productivity in Israel.

Especially at Passover, we see that Israel Bonds reinforce our heritage and the destiny of the Jewish people. By providing the investment funds for the construction of homes, the establishment of new agricultural areas and new industries, we are participating in the reconstruction of Israel. By dedicating ourselves to an unprecedented participation in the new Second Development Issue of Israel Bonds, we are writing a new chapter in the lives of the newcomers.

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